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DUES REPORT

DISTRICT _____

FOR THE PERIOD OF _____

DENOMINATIONS

(based on Gross Wages)

NUMBER OF DUES PAYMENTS FOR EACH MONTH

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total Number	Total Amt. Gross Dues
15¢ (Unemployed and Students)														
50¢ (Housewives and up to \$50.)														
1.00 (\$51-90 weekly)													16	5.00
2.00 (\$91-120 weekly)													13	13.00
5.00 (Over \$120 weekly)													40	80.00
													10	50.00
TOTALS													73	\$148.00

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DEDUCTIONS*

All deductions must be authorized in advance.
Please list below all deductions in detail, and
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_____\$ _____
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 Total Deductions \$ _____

Less 50% \$ 74.00

DUE to National Office: Net on Dues \$ 74.00

Initiations... at 50¢ \$ 1.00

So. Solidarity Assess. (Number.....) \$ _____

Other Items or Assessments No. at \$..... \$ _____

TOTAL DUE TO NATIONAL OFFICE \$ _____

Less Deductions* \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ 75.00



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There follows a summary of a meeting of the National Executive Committee (NEC) and invited guests of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA) held in New York City, October 1-6, 1963, as reported by confidential sources, who have furnished reliable information in the past.

Tuesday's Session,
October 1, 1963
George Washington Hotel
Lexington Avenue and 23rd Street
New York City

Ben Davis gave a report on civil rights as affecting the Negro question which may be summarized as follows:

While there is a massacre of children in Birmingham with open fascist brutality, this government

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cannot protect its people or their property. We must now demand that Kennedy break the resistance of the Dixiecrats. The Dixiecrats under the banner of states' rights are against democracy. They are promoting an illegal confederacy with a flag that should be stamped into the ground. Goldwater, Nixon and Lausche support the Dixiecrats. (President) Kennedy appeases the Dixiecrats especially when he makes the statement to let Birmingham settle its own problems. The representatives that Kennedy sent to Birmingham came with too little and too late. They are not going to disturb the power structure in Alabama. Kennedy will not send Federal troops; in Alabama and Mississippi the murder of people goes on, and the Dixiecrats are setting up police states. The President refuses to break this terror or break with the Dixiecrats. Governor Wallace is Criminal Number 1, but the President's failure to act to protect life and limb makes him share the responsibility for Wallace.

The Negro leadership is in disarray. This situation requires that the Negro leadership should meet and work out a more consistent policy. Reverend King made some bad mistakes when he accepted the President's emissaries Blaik and Royall. These people act as a cover-up for the President. Bayard Rustin too expressed himself against Federal troops with the statement that if there is no political take-over, what is the use of troops. This is the time for the sharpest demands. The tempo of the Negro people indicates an angry mood. The Negroes are even talking of new political parties and of voting the President out of power. Now the more militant elements of the Negro movement are coming forward, and are having an impact on the struggle for civil rights. This struggle now has to go beyond sit-ins and mass demonstrations. Negro leaders are preparing a campaign of civil disobedience on a national scale:

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- a. To organize a national civil disobedience campaign;
- b. To refuse to pay state and local taxes;
- c. To organize general work stoppages;
- d. To disrupt all transportation to Birmingham by sitdowns in railroad stations, on highways, at airport runways, et cetera;
- e. By continuous telephone calling to tie up telephone lines in order to isolate Birmingham.

The "New York Herald Tribune" issue of August 14, 1963, page 7, column 1, contains an article captioned, "Thurmond Assails a Leader of March." The article states that, in answer to charges by Senator Thurmond, Bayard Rustin admitted joining the Young Communist League (YCL) in 1936. Rustin also reportedly stated that he broke completely with the YCL in June, 1941, after the Nazi attack on Russia.

The YCL has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

These militant tactics still do not encompass separatism nor do these tactics break unity between Negro and White. As far as the Christmas boycott is concerned, this was initiated by artists and writers, such as JAMES BALDWIN. Another form of militant action is the rent strikes. Evidence of this can be seen in Harlem where it started. These things form a core of civil disobedience. These suggestions come from the left force that represents the six main organizations of the Negro movement.

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Davis then characterized the leaders of the Negro movement:

Wilkins and Young represent the conservatives; King and Randolph are in the center; "SNICK" (Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee) is to the left.

We Communists should fight for the most advanced proposals of these groups. To carry along the Negro movement it is necessary to use progressive tactics like those used in the March on Washington. These pressures from the Negro movement are already compelling Reverend King to accede to some of their demands.

We have to be careful not to create an image by which we Communists cut ourselves off from the Negro movement under the guise of fighting dogmatism. We cannot cut ourselves off. The tasks of the left, right, and center in the Negro movement are our tasks, but we have to carry on our own independent policy, a consistent policy not to fit into any straitjacket. We must work to prevent a capitulation to the class enemy.

Demands of the Party:

We must pledge to continue mass acts and to urge the Negro people to continue to take to the streets. We must point out that the leaders without masses cannot meet the demands of the crisis. Some of the demands are not new:

1. Arrest Governors Wallace and Barnett. Impeach Senators Eastland and Thurmond. Send Federal troops to Alabama.

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2. Wipe out the KKK and the White Citizens Party.
Arrest these Nazi-like leaders and smash the organizations.

3. Ask the President to enforce Article IV, Section 4, of the United States Constitution. That Article guarantees to every state in the Union a republican form of government. In Alabama and Mississippi, and other southern states, the government is not republican in form. They are not representative governments. In Mississippi, 51 per cent of the people have no rights, hold no offices. In Alabama the conditions are the same. These are illegal state governments.

4. Demand that the Congressional representatives from these states be reduced and also representatives from any other states where Negroes are denied their rights. We should conduct a fight to continue the Civil Rights Committee. We must fight against its abolition.

5. A United Nations petition should now be circulated. This is not far-fetched. Since our government refuses to protect us, let the United States be in the company of South Africa. We cannot see why such petitions should not be brought before the United Nations now.

As far as our Party is concerned we should have a prospect of sharp struggles ahead in the Negro freedom movement. We should concern ourselves with the growth of our Party and our press to extend its influence and lead the struggle among the Negroes. The image of our Party as a militant organization has been dimmed among the Negro people. Cannot the CP at least do something about this by initiating a postal card campaign for Article IV of the Constitution? The CP has some influence in this struggle, including its participation in numbers, in the August 28, 1963 March, but we must admit we have not brought the Party forward. We have failed to show

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the face of the Party. We have shown responsibility in relation to the Negro freedom movement; we have been fighting against left and right deviationism, but we still do not have a clear line on the special role we Communists have to play. The Chinese position will be attractive to some honest militants. It is being exploited by some unscrupulous groups. The Negroes have sympathy for the CP of China. The CP of China is making every effort to interfere in the Negro movement.

Our Party in the South must find a center around which to rally the progressive forces down there. This is necessary more than ever. The South will supply this country with new reserves for peace and progress. We must get into this struggle in the South now. It is true that there are several obstacles in our way. We must, nevertheless, get in and help solve some of these problems; otherwise, we will be set back for years. In the past the Party was ahead of its time but now we have not played the role in the Negro movement that we are capable of playing. We, therefore, need some kind of new left center that would unite the Negro people. We can provide personnel for this. Now is the moment that requires action to force the Kennedy Administration to go further. We must do at least as much as SNICK, CORE, or the Negro writers. We have the ideological means. We must try to get into all of these organizations. (CORE is the Congress on Racial Equality).

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Wednesday's Session,
October 2, 1963,
Albert Hotel,
23 East 10th Street,
New York City

Benjamin J. Davis, Jr. opened this session and commented briefly on the role of the Party. He said the Communist Party was not black or white but "red". It is a Party with black and white workers. Davis said the Party must accept the proposition that responsibility should not be with the Negro or the white. "It should be a red responsibility".

[] said that the overall picture is consistency of the Party to the workers and not just to racial problems. He believed that the key problem was to get white support for the Negro and that Negro unity was another question. [] called for greater concentration in areas where the results would be greater.

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[] said that the major advances will be made by: 1. Federal action; and 2. stop race brutality. This can be done by legislation and administrative action on the part of the United States Government. He commented that the Party should publicize demonstrations by various religious groups. He recommended the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) and the churches as "avenues to be explored" where white workers can be influenced. [] said there has been some success in recruiting "but very little among youth". He said "we" have had recent discussions and find "we do not have enough Negro youth in the Party". He called for discussion on what changes are necessary. [] quoted James Jackson's statement to the effect that more contact is needed with Negro leaders in order to enlist Negro youths. [] said "our Negro membership is too small, there is no substitute for people attending meetings". [] noted that there has been serious effort on the part of "Jewish centers" to get the Negro and Puerto Rican youths together in such activities as sports, dances and block parties.

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Irving Potash stated the Party was not paying sufficient attention to the many good features of the March on Washington (MOW). He said its effectiveness was great and it inspired hope amongst the Negroes and progressives. The special role of the Party should be to center attention on its responsibility to develop the mass struggle, aiming at the Negro people. He spoke of the need for jobs for Negroes and that the Party should identify itself with the problems and use news media and the press in this regard; apply pressure to unions in order to gain sympathy for the Negro and center attention on plants under Government control; one of the areas to be stressed is overtime in mass production industries; said there are no demands to supplant white workers with Negroes but rather, preference should be given to new Negro employees; called for public works projects of a permanent nature, not temporary, as a source for jobs. Potash stated that the question of "seniority rights" should be approached "gingerly", initially by the white workers; the Party should then attempt to bring about certain modifications.

An individual believed to be Thomas Nabried from Philadelphia spoke of the Negro struggle in America as being at a turning point and feels the Negro movement will either be totally victorious or will not succeed. He said the Negro masses are voluntarily willing to fight. The youth in today's struggle have shown enthusiasm, spirit and dedication and "this is something for us to recognize". The youth in certain areas have taken actions which have made it possible for adults to move forward. Nabried feels that job opportunity is most important and "we" must start a movement in that area, "our" past performance has been inadequate. Nabried feels that an organization for the unemployed should be established; he said Party Negro leaders, in particular Ben Davis, should be "more open" in the civil rights movement in order to put forth Party ideas.

Gilbert Green commented that it has been fourteen years since he addressed such a group. He said the Party is facing up to its responsibilities and "our" leading Comrades are keenly aware of the situation. Green said the Negro question is very

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important and what is happening today in this movement is the "link that must be grasped". This will "open the door" and if the opportunity is not grasped "the door will close". He said "our task is now to cash in on it.....not just catch hold of it and ride along with it". Green expressed the opinion that some Party activities may have to be curtailed in order to concentrate on this phase of the work. He said all of "our Comrades" should be part of this revolution. He said the objective of the civil rights measure in Congress is to get this movement "off the streets and into the courts". Green said "we" must not permit (President) Kennedy to appear as if his hands are tied. The Administration can change the situation "if it fights".

Continuing, Green stated that the Administration is compelled to make the fight for civil rights because the situation in the South is a revolution, with a counter-revolution of the reactionaries headed by (Senator) Goldwater. Green concluded his remarks by stating that the Party today must put out two books, one the history of the Negro struggle in America brought up to date and two, a biography of W. E. B. DuBois.

Dorothy Healey stated that the interpretation of the California Communist Party board was that the Negro movement in America is not synonymous with the Negro mass movement because of the diminishing participation of Negroes and the increase of participation of white people. She said that the Negro leaders speak individually and not of one voice in the mass movement. Healey cited the fact that in Los Angeles, three Negro City Councilmen are outstanding militant Negro leaders but yet are never included in the leadership of any Negro action. Healey feels that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has not been able to develop into the leading mass organization. With relation to the Negro question, she said there needs to be: 1. Justice under law; 2. Equality of the races; and 3. Equal employment opportunities. She felt that there was a growing resistance against the Negro among white workers.

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Philip Bart stated that the influence of the Communist Party is at its lowest ebb in history. The question of civil rights in the South is one of the most important points and that Federal control must supersede States' Rights. He felt that this would be a key question in the 1964 elections.

Anton Krchmarek commented that the March on Washington had penetrated into industrial America as well as students. He felt that this created the opportunity to weld the unity of the trade union movement and the Negro peoples movement. Krchmarek complimented Ben Davis on his report and said the Party must spell out its line.

Ben Davis suggested that they adopt the proposal for a resolution that would make the deliberations "of this body" more concrete. Davis said he would summarize the discussion. He said the Party must consolidate progressive forces, Democratic Party and the labor movement. The Negro movement must be broadened and the Party's job is to direct the Negro leaders when they make mistakes. Davis commented that the Negro's fight for equality will continue. The job question "is the heart" of the whole national liberation movement. The movement as yet, has not become economic.

Davis, in discussing the situation in the South, said "our Party" should be established as "the Party of the poverty stricken white of the South and the Party of liberation".

Davis said that in some ways the Party has made significant contributions to this movement, but ways and methods must be found for greater contributions. "We" must go and help them and not just talk from here. The Party should associate itself "with the left forces" and not leave the left to the Trotskyites or the Socialists. The opportunity to help is available and "we" should act now and not lose this opportunity.

Gus Hall announced that he would entertain any immediate questions from the floor. Hall said that as regards Gil (Green), that he not be assigned specifically but that he "work from the National Office" and added "that does not mean he has to work here (New York) but from here".

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Hall stated that his final proposal would effect certain changes of structure within the Party. He said "we should do away with the National Executive Committee (NEC)... and that the National Board would then meet more often". The National Board is wider and broader, and in doing this, it is possible to eliminate some problems.

James Jackson discussed briefly the question that personnel changes should be taken up by a committee so that the best personnel can be chosen to strengthen the weaknesses of the Party.

William L. Patterson suggested that the Negro Comrades "get together" and work out specific proposals as regards personnel and finances. Hy Lumer felt that a two day "cadre" discussion was needed.

Concerning Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, mentioned above, it is noted that he died in Ghana, Africa, at the age of 96. He joined the CP at the age of 93. His letter of application to the CPUSA and Gus Hall's acceptance were printed in "The Worker" issue of November 26, 1961.

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

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Thursday's Session
October 3, 1963
Hotel Prince George,
New York City

Gus Hall, in opening statement, said "The Foreign Minister of the Soviet Union has invited all of you to the reception Friday night." Hall gave official welcome to Gil Green describing Green as "The cleanup man of the first twelve convicted."

Hall then said report he was about to give would deal with state of affairs of CP, USA. He called for a three or four month period of refreshing concepts on policies, ideology, and organization of the Party; said during this period there should be a recruiting drive, press drive, and restoration of Party organization; good mobilization of past years must be recaptured and national conference will have to be held at later date to check results; commissions must be set up on problems to be solved; described questions involved as "Theme Questions," fitting into three categories: First, how has the Party responded to historic events of the past several years? Second, what steps are necessary to eliminate weaknesses and raise the level of Party work? Third, must the indispensable need for the CP, USA be argued and debated in the Party and among the masses.

Hall said approach in discussing problems must be guide to strengthening work and have no other purpose; all assessments must be responsible and based on fact or actual

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knowledge of a situation; weaknesses must not be overstated or prettified; achievements must not be overstated or belittled; the leadership has dual responsibility of critically examining and correcting the weaknesses while at the same time building confidence in the Party. Hall noted that a year ago a whole meeting was devoted to building the Party and now the leadership must "get with it" or history will pass "you by."

He said he may have to become brutal and issue a dues report since some districts have not paid dues in 1963.

In describing problems confronting the Party, Hall reviewed past instances of right deviationism and left sectarianism, describing them as "The ill winds of the past which tended to blow the Party off course"; said today's ill winds are not dominated by the right or left, but what is needed now is a mature, energetic struggle to clear away debris of both of these ill winds of the past; spoke of August 28th March on Washington, stating he felt it was an under estimate to say that five thousand Communists took part. He claimed *in one way or another throughout the country.* he spent three days in New England with Comrades from Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine and without them there would have been practically no participation in the March from this area. He said the Party should be made aware of this as leaders of the March are aware of it and do not hesitate to discuss it with Comrades such as Ben (Davis), Jim (Jackson), and Pat (William Patterson). He mentioned failure in a "major center" in that not even twelve comrades could be gotten to sell "The Worker" during the period of the March. He described this as an example of improper balance.

Hall said because of semi-legal status of the Communist Party, most districts have no open Party leadership, no public Party meetings, no leaflets, and no real press building effort

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with the result being that the Party appears dead to outsiders. He said this situation must be corrected.

Hall called for more open approach to United Front activity but said in doing so must be careful "We are not swallowed by the whale like Jonah."

Concerning Communist Party role in political activities, Hall said Party cannot be continually supporting others, but must attempt to have either Party or independent candidates.

Hall stated that with change in objective conditions in the world there developed a "Cult of Waiters," waiting for conditions to change and waiting for the return of old objective conditions; said a living Party is needed and there is no need to return to the old objective conditions; a new understanding of the vanguard role of the Party is needed; old objective conditions did not automatically bring success nor will new objective conditions automatically bring success; agitation, initiative and enthusiasm are needed to bring success within the Party in conjunction with the new objective conditions such as the Test Ban agreement and the thawing of the cold war.

Hall noted there are reactionary forces in the United States opposed to peaceful coexistence and said the Party must give maximum support in the struggle against these forces.

With respect to the struggle for Negro rights, Hall noted there are twenty million Negroes in "This Upsurge" and countless whites who will not accept promises but who want action now. He said Party must be a factor in showing that this is a fact of life and the Party must work for direct active participation of the rest of the population; said the Party must make clear that Negro-white unity is necessary

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for class unity and the struggle cannot be won without class unity, Party must concentrate on three things: First, the Negro struggle; Second, the economic struggle; and third, the regrouping of peace forces after the test ban.

Hall said the Party must immediately become involved in the 1964 election struggle otherwise "History will pass us by." He continued that formerly there was a conservative movement with ultra right fringe but now it is an ultra right movement with a conservative fringe, the center of which is the Goldwater-Dixiecrat alliance. He said the danger of this coalition must not be underestimated.

Hall declared that agitation, propaganda, leaflets and work with the rank and file was necessary in the past and is necessary now; said there is new set of explosive conditions today; said Reverend King and the others did not start the Negro struggle, the turbulence was already there; said Party must properly assess uneasiness in ranks of the workers and must show boldness and initiative to which the workers will respond; said rank and file committees should be formed to support AFL-CIO Executive Council in fight for 30 hour week; said in assessing Party today, past difficulties of the Party must be remembered and must be borne in mind the Party is rebuilding from ruins; political and ideological retooling of the Party must be given highest priority; Party work must be accelerated and initiative and militancy increased; there must be a specific organizational form; talk about a Marxist-Leninist Party and not to fight for this Party is Communist demagoguery.

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Hall said with present Party organization, "We cannot even lead our own members" and there must be a change and re-establishment even to the club level. He said a Party that doesn't recruit will die and there has been no talk about recruitment.

He said more should have been said about Du Bois joining the Party and "we have recruited a couple of hundred young people and have said nothing"; said one comrade in New York, has singly recruited 30 young people; there are areas for recruitment and a breakthrough must be made in these areas; said Communist initiative is a key question as tendency is to be a Party of support rather than one of initiative and leadership; cited socialist party as one which has taken initiative in fields of civil rights, peace, political action and civil liberties, whereas the Communist Party has failed to take initiative in these fields. Hall said the two California districts and the Northwest District are the only ones which have a Communist attitude toward the press.

He mentioned an increase in circulation of "People's World" and compared it with a decrease in circulation of "The Worker".

In concluding remarks, Hall was critical of leadership and said "phrase mongering" is a disease of the leadership. He mentioned several other factors and said that one of the major problems of leadership is that of self-discipline.

Following luncheon break the meeting reconvened at 2:06 p.m. George Meyers announced agenda for remainder of the week as discussion of Hall's report today and tomorrow, followed by discussion of "The ideological role" of the Party on Saturday.

The "People's World" is a West Coast Communist newspaper.

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Louis Weinstock invited all to "The Worker" dinner on Sunday evening and said 500 reservations have already been made. Weinstock said he was speaking in two capacities, one as Manager of "The Worker" and the other as a full-time Communist Party member "who feels as Gus does." He said Hall used harsh words in describing how the Party looked to outsiders but he agreed the Party does look bad because "We are not seen and when we are heard of the information comes from the wrong sources"; said this information influences the opinion of thousands of people of the left liberal point of view who would normally support the Party; said fact Party does not exist publicly hurts the building of the paper; suggested open forum as one method of work which should be adopted by the Party wherein Party leaders would come to these forums and explain the issues of the day; also suggested open forum as a method of work in trade union field; expressed need for better communication between leadership and membership of the Party; said people in mass organizations are too security minded and fear loss of jobs if they read "The Worker"; proposed a regional conference in each district to discuss subscription drive and other means of building the press.

Phil Bart called for an examination of the record as to what Party leaders have done and was critical of the leadership. He said some districts have paid dues and failed to send reports while others failed to do either. He said districts will receive forms in the near future and will have to count heads.

Jack Stachel described Hall's report as one which will generate the greatest optimism the Party has had since the 17th Convention.

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On the matter of Party concentration, Stachel stated it has been established that concentration must be among Negroes, Jews, the unemployed and the workers.

Claude Lightfoot said Hall's report was excellent. He stated there is need for literature showing how problems can be solved by the Communist Party and why America needs a strong Communist Party; said in November, "we are going to place the political action problem before the people in Chicago"; stated 2,000 copies of George Morris' pamphlet has been ordered and are to be distributed at the State AFL-CIO Convention; said Jim West has been assigned to discuss with Michigan and New York comrades the direction Party political action should take in Illinois; said in November a series of articles on political action will be prepared and in Illinois "the paper" will be distributed at the central labor body and at key locals thus increasing circulation of the paper and increasing the importance of the role of the Party.

James Lustig stated there were twelve thousand people from New Jersey in the August 28th March on Washington, ten thousand from North Jersey and two thousand from South Jersey. He said at a meeting of 60 leaders of the liberation movement in a Newark church, the Chairman, a Minister, put two persons in charge of the March - one was a Negro Assemblyman named Richardson and the other "a progressive person"; Richardson was only the titular head and "the progressive person" actually handled everything; claimed Party people in Jersey were so busy working on the March that "our club did not meet until the March was over"; said

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demonstrations at City Hall and on construction jobs would probably not have taken place if it were not for Party initiative; called for National Office of Communist Party to issue comprehensive pamphlet entitled "Put America Back to Work" which would show ideas of Party on housing, education, and ways of putting people back to work.

[] read report on youth noting there has been increase in Party youth membership with whole new cadre coming forward due primarily to the speakers sent to colleges, literature sent to colleges, and his own attendance as delegate at National Student Association Conference.

[] described as a "key area of weakness" the fact that a group is thinking about establishing a new Socialist Youth Group on a National basis and they feel they can form on a broader basis than the CP. He said they feel socialism should be the basis. They want a founding convention prior to next September and plan conferences in all areas of the country prior to the convention. These people realize their problems involving personnel, finances, and the possibility of attack under the McCarran Act, but in spite of this, want to go ahead. [] said the thinking of this group seems especially sound and the CP should find ways to express a positive attitude toward this group.

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Anton Krcmarek said the subversive squad in Cleveland watches every (liberal) meeting and counts those who attend and reports it in the papers "but since they don't see us" they feel there is an underground movement they have not been able to penetrate; stated "we have evidence of a plan, a frameup, to involve us in a narcotics thing among the students"; said problems of this type will have to be examined very carefully to come up with correct answers; claimed "Women's Strike For peace"; after numerous demonstrations and having been "left up in the air" came to "us" and asked for a political report

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thus showing a need for the Communist Party at this time.

[] stressed need for a better relationship between "The Center" and the districts; said Western Pennsylvania District has plans to triple circulation of "The Worker" by January first, has already doubled the bundle order and is over the top in "The Worker" fund drive.

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Friday's Session,
October 4, 1963,
George Washington Hotel,
Lexington Avenue and 23rd Street,
New York City

[redacted] stated that Gus Hall's evaluation that the CPUSA is a Party of "reaction" is correct. The Party, according to [redacted] is losing its initiative in recruiting. He cited as a lack of initiative on the part of the Party, the Latin American area, particularly Venezuela and Puerto Rico. b7D

Dorothy Healey, in her opening comment, stated that she is always impressed at the amount of wholesome flattery paid to any speaker who makes a report.

Healey said she appreciated Hall's remarks because of three reasons: 1. He did not superimpose a blueprint to solve "our problems"; 2. He created no "wave of exaltation" for the Party; and 3. He "posed tasks".

She said that her District (Southern California) "is in the most serious state it has been in in many years". In this regard, she mentioned the isolation of her District from the rest of the Party. She said the Party should realize it does not have "the number of cadre" or "physical bodies" to assign to all tasks. She felt that more initiative could be displayed in carrying out available tasks in order to attract outside forces. She criticized the Party's method of work, saying "they have a whole nest of problems", most important of which is the lack of responsibility on the part of the leadership in carrying out the decisions of the convention.

Healey said that in Los Angeles board members must show some activity between board meetings. She described this activity as that which "shapes and influences the community". Healey described a Communist as one who shapes and influences the community.

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Healey stated that in her opinion there had not been a proper analysis of what had taken place among the college youth of America and cited a "National Review" article concerning a youth poll of college campuses. She said this poll pointed out that a majority of the youth were in favor of Government run projects such as TVA and the like. In concluding her remarks, Healey proposed that the Party have a separate discussion on what is happening in this field and then draw conclusions.

[] from Michigan complained that there was a lack of central organization in the Party, as well as a lack of responsible leadership. He said this afforded the leadership no opportunity to criticize others, and said there needs to be more initiative and more action on the part of the Party as well as an increase in Party literature.

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He said the Michigan District's record was good but that there are problems such as reaching the people "who are out of touch". He noted that getting literature to the people who are out of touch is three fourths of the battle.

[] stated that the activity and policies of the Party must reach down to the club level "or we are in trouble". He recommended that the Party leadership must become more closely attached to club activities which he said constitutes fighting for the line of the Party.

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[] said that on the Negro movement there needs to be mass contact with the various leaders in different action groups despite their individual beliefs.

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[] commented that Gus Hall's report must be accepted both in "essence and spirit". He said there was a need to widen the leadership cadre and open it up to people of "conviction and understanding".

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[] said the membership of the Party is healthy but confidence must be restored; new leadership cadre must be brought forth despite opposition and the membership of the Party must see the leadership in motion. He said the Party should ignore the past as "this is a new era" and now is the time to test new leadership and get volunteers to go into new areas.

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Robert Thompson said he would like to point out some of the major problems in the New York District. Number one, the press, in its failure to take note of the activities of the mass workers. He said there must be a full utilization of the press in order to further the aims and objectives of the Party. They need to increase neighborhood circulation as was done in the past. He described Louis Weinstock as an able and experienced man in the press field but said that relations between New York State and Weinstock could be improved. Continuing, Thompson stated that secondly the role of the Party today is more difficult as regards trade union work, and thirdly, he said there were shortcomings with regard to work in Harlem. He said this shortcoming was the responsibility of the New York State leadership, adding that they were weak in Harlem but have some very good people there.

George Meyers commented that the Baltimore District was expanding in many fields of work, but that the problem was in communicating with the general public. He said that they had been able to use "The Worker" to good advantage in this. Meyers also commented that Party activity in the local area is frequently not reported in the local press.

Arnold Johnson said that there has been two major fields for Party activity: 1. A new Democratic upsurge; and 2. a new status in the struggle for peace. He noted that the Party has been functioning in both these areas. Johnson stated that the Party organization has to be based on the fact that the McCarran Act will be defeated. He said Party speakers at colleges is a method of determining the "temper of the people". He noted that this activity will start earlier this year than last.

[] discussed the need to balance the work of the Party between the "hot issues" and the long term issues. He said that within the youth division there is much discussion regarding recruitment and he recommended that certain people be assigned on recruitment. He said the leadership weakness in youth work has been its failure to build a solid national youth collective. This was due primarily to the methods of work and "our failure" to think far enough ahead. [] felt that the failure of the national leadership was due to a lack of clear cut responsibility.

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Carl Winter said that he was in favor of a separate discussion on youth. He noted that no one was opposing a National Youth Organization but said the Party should be sure that it is not transferring the best of the new youth cadre to a new youth organization. He explained that the new youth are confused and impetuous and if given the burden of running a new organization, they may be lost to the Party. Winter said the youth are vital and necessary to the building of "our own Party". Winter said that the National Board's decision to send workers into the Districts will strengthen the Party and is one of the greatest contributions it could make.

Hy Lumer stated that there was a need for new leadership to be built and suggested as one of the means the setting up of training schools. He said such schools build enthusiasm and a willingness to become involved. Lumer said these schools are important in building the leadership of the future and have an enormous effect on youngsters. He said such training schools should be set up as quickly as possible, adding that a training school program would pay rich dividends. He said that certain activities could be sacrificed for this training program.

James Jackson described Hall's report as a "noble and glorious document, self illustrated, geared to the hour in fulfilling and achieving our objectives".

Irving Potash said that the Party should project its image and bring to life our past and present contributions, as well as the people who made them. There is a need for a great outpouring of literature showing what "we" really are "both past and present" in order to make people see that there is a national Communist Party.

A note in attendance
~~Morris Childs~~ said that Hall made an inspiring report *He* to rebuild the Party and his recommendations are concrete. ~~Childs~~ said there needs to be more self criticism in the Party, as well as inspiration and confidence. He said that he was in favor of a daily Communist Party paper and that he disagreed with Carl (Winter) as regards a youth organization. He said it was wrong to let the youth wander aimlessly.

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Saturday's Session,
October 5, 1963,
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At 9:16 AM, this session was called to order by William Patterson. Gil Green was proposed and elected unanimously as Chairman for the day.

The first speaker introduced was Hyman Lumer on the ideological question.

Lumer stated that the controversy precipitated by the Communist Party of China (CPC) has brought into sharp relief a number of theoretical and ideological questions. He said "we" must deal with these questions as they relate to the American scene and the work of our own Party.

This controversy has arisen through the rejection by the CPC of the assessment of the World Marxist Movement. He indicated the CPUSA must find answers to the fundamental questions raised.

Lumer stated that due to time limitations his report would consist of just a basic outline. He said there will follow conferences, both local and national, the publication of articles and pamphlets, all of which will be part of an ideological campaign.

The basic contradictions remain unchanged, it is the class struggle, which will eventually usher in Socialism. Competition between Socialism and Capitalism can take different forms:

1. Nuclear War
2. Peaceful Coexistence

Peaceful coexistence is a form through which the transition from Capitalism to Socialism can follow. The Chinese leaders have failed to understand this fundamental concept concerning peaceful coexistence.

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At different times different contradictions became sharp and form a focal point of the struggle. As an example, during World War II, Nationalism became the dominant factor but this did not change the basic contradiction between capitalism and socialism, the class struggle.

Lumer said that the Chinese leaders have carried the errors of Mao Tse Tung to the point where they have advanced the contradiction of imperialist vs. oppressed countries to a position of primary importance and have relegated the contradiction between capitalism and socialism to a secondary position. By doing this, they have retreated from Marxism to Nationalism.

Lumer stated, Nationalism is a basic element of the oppressed nations. Marx recognized this, and "we" must recognize this, but "we" must not subordinate the class struggle to Nationalism.

He said that the CPC has indicated their belief that every Socialist country must rely unto itself and China claims the USSR by calling for unity of the socialist world and putting forth a program of peaceful competition is subordinating the needs of other Socialist countries to its own. Lumer indicated he felt this assessment by the CPC is in error and has resulted in a weakness in the World Movement.

In capitalist countries, the working class should direct their attack against Imperialism. We should bring into sharp focus American Imperialism against the World.

In the United States of America, the Negro liberation movement confronts the Party with the problem of allying the lesser issues with this movement. He said the economic struggle comes into play - the struggle for jobs - direct conflict between white and Negro workers for jobs. The fight can be won only if the economic struggle can be merged into the struggle for Negro-white unity. The objective is to see this struggle as a civil rights struggle, as a social revolution - a movement toward socialism.

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Lumer stated "we" are for:

1. For world peace.
2. Elimination of Nuclear testing.
3. Nationalist Movements presented by the Soviet program to bring victory of Socialism through the uniting of the working peoples movement.

The Chinese have rejected these points.

Continuing, Lumer said that the question of Peaceful Parliamentary transition was presented at the 20th Congress of the CPSU in the form that the Chinese are attacking. According to Lumer, Lenin said the way can be left open for a parliamentary body of the people to take charge from the executive. He did not say as the Chinese say that there will be revision through the smashing of the state's machinery, the smashing of the state's parliamentary bodies. He said this could be accomplished by converting parliamentary representatives, by taking charge of the executive.

Today in the United States, this question becomes an immediate one. The strong attack on the ineffectiveness of Congress and the strong role of Dixiecrats has resulted in the rising power of the Executive. The fight to eliminate this trend is important to us. Specifically, we must point up the class struggle, fight to blunt the power of the Dixiecrats, eliminate District voting inequalities, concentrate on other constitutional changes.

Lumer said that there are many movements in the world today which are leading to Socialism. The need for a dictatorship has disappeared. The Chinese position on this point cannot be argued.

He said "we" have to accept these general concepts and develop them further in terms of the United States. "We" have to study in more detail United States monopolistic

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patterns; economic structure; the class struggle. Lumer closed by saying a program embodying all these points has to be developed.

There followed comments by various individuals in attendance concerning Lumer's report.

Gil Green said that the end of the cold war will bring to light new contradictions. However, the basic difference between socialism and capitalism will remain the same in spite of the reduction of tension; reduction of armament.

Green said that the weakest link in the United States structure is the status of the Negro. He said Negroes are going into unions and will supply militant leadership in these unions. He said he doubts, however, that the Negro people will carry on the socialist movement by themselves. There must be Negro-labor unity.

Green said they must interpret anti-monopoly and peaceful parliamentary movements in terms of the United States. The 20th Congress tried to generalize on these for the world, but "we" must now stand on our own ground in the United States. We should carefully consider the effect of actions of CIA and the calling into action of our armed forces when there is the slightest change toward socialism.

Irving Potash said there are disagreements on a number of questions: Concerning peaceful transition, the Negro struggle and the whole struggle toward Socialism. There are different possibilities in various countries by reason of the economic state, class state, existing police apparatus. There are new influences in these areas. The Chinese do not seem to realize that there are currents afoot in capitalist countries at the present time favorable to our cause.

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Potash said there are more and more trends in the United States which would lead to peaceful transition. The Negro liberation movement is one. The Negro movement is creating a conflict with business monopoly which will bring about Negro-white unity in the class struggle.

Gus Hall commented that they still work on the fact that peaceful coexistence is possible. The policy on the questions of Chile and other Latin American countries is that the Communists should not give up these countries.

Carl Winter, Betty Gannett and James Jackson commented favorably on Lumer's report and stressed the need for more articles to be prepared by the leadership to document policy on theoretical questions.

Herb Aptheker commented that this report is a remarkable exercise in dialectics. He said he feels it would be improved if it had more of an American context, that the dominating reference should be from the American Party, its writings and experiences.

He acknowledged they had differences with Yugoslavia, Albania and China, but that these differences will be overcome. When they are overcome, there will be a growth in Marxism-Leninism, as has been taking place in Yugoslavia. To highlight, he referred to Tito's position in 1949, stating it is not his position in 1963.

Dorothy Healey stated the Party must concentrate their struggle on Congressional reforms. She described the Congress as dedicated to the establishment of the status quo.

[] said that their discussions have centered around issues of international relationships. He said that these, the civil rights revolution and other problems have become entwined and clearly shows that Socialism is the eventual answer.

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William Patterson said that the Chinese position has had an impact over the world. The Chinese position has been a great boon to American imperialists and they will use it to try and split the Socialist world.

Ben Davis commented that their ideological and political approach must be so constructed as to help all groups understand Marxism - Leninism doctrine. Davis said peaceful coexistence and peaceful competition will advance the cause of socialism.

Davis said "they" should isolate China. He felt the Chinese position regarding the bomb and peaceful coexistence endanger the fate of the world.

Lumer, in a closing comment, said that none is more aware of the inadequacy of the report than he. He commented that three people worked on the report. He then suggested that someone should write an article on this report and it be given wide dissemination.

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Sunday's Session,
October 6, 1963,
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The session opened at 10:16 AM, with Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., as Chairman. Davis indicated the main purpose of this last session was to discuss the youth proposals made by [redacted] and to wind up business. Gus Hall was the first speaker and he stated that there appeared to be no question on the need for starting a new youth organization but the main problem seemed to be what its relationship with the Party should be. The other question which also would have to be resolved would be when to start this youth organization. He said that he was convinced that if they are ever going to support such a move, the time to do it is now. We are already six months late in starting and we must take advantage of the tremendous upsurge among youth and its interest in socialism. He said that it has been their observation from their contacts in the colleges that there are many diverse groups which are going to start new youth organizations and that we must be immediate in our plans and actions.

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Regarding the character of this new organization, Hall felt that the Party should go for the broadest possible youth organization that is tied to scientific socialism. In addition, it must express itself in the broadest possible terms so as not to alienate any large segment of the youth. In the past, when the Party has met and discussed youth organization, and then the leadership has returned to their districts, they have implemented the decisions along the narrowest possible concept. He commented on the Advance Organization and said that it had appeared when the Party was not able to obtain a clear concept of youth. Regarding the relations of this new organization with the Party itself, it will have to definitely be a non-Party organization, although one in which a Communist could work openly. "We" definitely want a national youth organization and not a regional one. Some time after this

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meeting the youth comrades will get together on a broader scale to discuss these matters. "We" ourselves must not discuss this problem in the abstract but must decide on something objective and whatever it is, must be Party policy.

Dorothy Healey stated that she did not believe she could answer yes or no without more facts and wanted to know if they would be able to draw any conclusions from the experiences of Advance and the Progressive Youth Organizing Committee (PYOC). Bob Thompson stated that he was in favor of the formation of a new youth organization but that there were questions that must be answered, including how it was to be formed, which would influence the second question of when and the third question would be what the tie of this organization would be with scientific socialism. He commented that there had hardly been any discussion on these proposals in the New York District, especially with those youth Comrades who are going to carry the burden. He said the timing of February or thereabouts as the target date did not leave enough time for discussion and formation.

James Jackson and James West both stated from their observations and experiences that the time was ripe for this new organization.

[] commented that one reason for the failure of "our" present youth organization is that it has a vague, amorphous form and lacks activity. Regarding the groups related to the "Organizing Committee", 350 people participate in its activities and "we" could definitely involve 500. He said that the question of timing is most important and that he, too, feels "we" are six months late. If we wait until April or June, "we" will hit the summer low and lose many socialist minded people to other influences.

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Marvin Markman then spoke in favor of the organization and commented that there are only three localities in the country affected by the PYOC, New York, Philadelphia and the West Coast. In New York, he said there is a tendency for the

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various organizations to have as loose an association as possible with Advance. He cautioned that he did not feel, however, they should rush into this thing out of fear that others will fill the vacuum, but that when they move it be done on a substantial basis so as to guarantee a firm and meaningful organization.

[] favored the new organization and commented that the question is really what should the nature of it be. He said it would not be a broad organization just because "we" have a few outsiders as members. He commented that in Detroit in youth work they try to involve a ratio of five or six outsiders to one member. In addition, he saw as another question whether this was going to be a youth organization for college people or whether it was going to involve high school and community youth. He said if it were going to be an organization for college or with emphasis on college, it must be started immediately.

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[] spoke in favor of the immediate starting of a national youth organization.

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Dorothy Healey spoke and claimed that they just cannot sit there and arbitrarily make decisions for the youth without proper consultation. She said they did this with the PYOC and it never recovered. She said that she was against the decision to go ahead now.

[] spoke on the impatience of the youth and said that we must start immediately. She said that she was not in favor of the "Organizing Committee" approach as it has too many drawbacks.

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Carl Winter criticized Hall's proposal as being nebulous and vague and urged more youth activity within Party organization itself. He said this emphasis could be brought about by the creation of a national youth division and participation in youth organizations which were not anti-Party. [] also spoke in favor of the new organization and emphasized that since the March on Washington, there were many new channels opened with the left wing youth. He received applause when he commented that there was too much talk and not enough action.

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Irving Potash, Hy Lumer and Roscoe Proctor all spoke in favor of the projected national youth organization, but cautioned that it should be started on a solid basis before entry.

Gus Hall then spoke in a "summing up". He commented that they could not decide now what the scope of this conference had been until the legal possibilities of the Party's nature would be decided in the near future. He said that if this decision is favorable, the possibilities will expand and the whole scope of this conference will have expanded with it. Commenting on united front organizations, he said they arise out of a need for them and then they become "handles for the Party". They are not, however, created for that purpose. He said that he is convinced that they need a discussion on the need for the Party. There is no question in anyone's mind as to the need for a Marxist-Leninist Party, but everyone must become convinced that there is a need for "this Party". Various forms of organizations in different areas cannot take the place of "our organization". "We" must refresh our leadership from Comrades in the various struggles now taking place.

He stated that the pattern of work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is now different, formerly their "stool pigeons" had a different role, but that now their new role is to undermine confidence and spread rumors. He said that documents on Party affairs and other mailings are obviously their work and has become now a barrage coming from all over. Chicago is a tremendous center of this activity. He said there also have been attempts to disrupt Negro-white unity through these activities.

He said we know that factionalism exists in the World Marxist Movement but that "our" membership and others do not understand the difference between factionalism and political differences. Guilt does not exist on both sides. There has been no factionalism on the part of the Soviet Union. "We" are fighting for Marxism-Leninism against irresponsible activities on a world scale. He said the posture of our Party on

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ideology is not a simple one and an intellectual change of ideas and discussion is not enough. The Party must have an element of militancy. It is one thing to understand the subjective background of the Chinese Comrades, however, this does not excuse their behavior. "We" must have a discussion in every district on how to launch the drive to renew the Party, who is going to do it and how it will be done.

Ben Davis then read a resolution embodying his report and urged that it be adopted with the understanding that it was not yet fully complete and needed further editing. After some discussion, this resolution was passed unanimously.

Irving Potash made a proposal that they initiate consultations among the trade unions with regards to the whole question of seniority and preferential treatment of Negro workers. This proposal was accepted.

Jack Stachel proposed that Gus Hall's report be approved and that at special meetings in the coming week of the resident board that it be implemented as to concrete plans of work. This proposal was also approved unanimously.

On the report of Hy Lumer, Ben Davis stated that the report would be received but not as a proposal and that Lumer would write an article on it based on his report and discussion which would be later published as an editorial. This proposal was accepted.

made a "one sentence resolution" which read "we are happy that a group of youth are moving to form a national youth organization in the near future". This proposal was voted on unanimously.

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Gus Hall ended the meeting with a comment that he felt that they should take a stand against this sordid thing in Washington which is offensive to Italian and Jewish Americans (Valachi Hearings). He said that they should issue a statement on it and there was unanimous agreement.

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ADVANCE YOUTH ORGANIZATION

A source advised on February 18, 1960, that Advance, An Organization of Progressive Youth, was founded in New York City on February 13, 14, 1960.

A second source advised on March 2, 1960, that, according to the Secretariat of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA), the Declaration of Principles adopted at the founding convention of Advance were essentially the line of the leadership of the CPUSA.

A third source stated in December, 1961, that at a meeting of Communist Party (CP) members of Advance, held on December 20, 1961, Marvin Markman declared that Advance had been initiated by the CP as a Marxist-Leninist youth organization.

The third source furnished information on January 28, 1963, reflecting that at the Third Annual Convention of Advance, held in New York City, on October 13, 1962, the name of the organization was changed to Advance and Burning Issues Youth Organizations (A-BI). This action was taken because Burning Issues (BI), a separate youth organization, organized in New York City, in May, 1961, as a discussion club, became an affiliate of Advance.

A fourth source advised on June 26, 1963, that at a meeting of the City Board of A-BI, held on June 25, 1963, it was voted to disassociate BI from the Advance organization.

This source advised further, on July 11, 1963, that the membership of BI met in New York City, on July 10, 1963, and voted to dissolve.

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ADVANCE YOUTH ORGANIZATION (CONT'D)

The fourth source stated on August 15, 1963, that A-BI is now known as Advance Youth Organization, and continues to maintain headquarters at 80 Clinton Street, New York City. Principal officers are [] President, and Marvin Markman, Vice President.

The third source advised on January 4, 1963, that [] is a member of the New York State Youth Coordinating Committee, New York District, CPUSA; while Marvin Markman is a member of the National Youth Commission, CPUSA.

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PROGRESSIVE YOUTH
ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

On February 9, 1961, a source advised that the Progressive Youth Organizing Committee (PYOC) was established at a national socialist-oriented youth conference held in Chicago, Illinois, December 30, 1960, through January 1, 1961. This conference was the result of a mandate issued by the National Executive Committee, Communist Party, USA, calling for a youth conference to establish an organizing committee whose objective would be to set up a national socialist-oriented youth organization. The conference scheduled a convention to be held within a year to found a new national socialist-oriented youth organization.

On June 18, 1962, a second source advised it was reported at the meeting of the National Council of the PYOC held New York, New York, June 16 and 17, 1962, that although it had been planned to form a Marxist-oriented youth organization by the Fall of 1962, it would not be possible to form such an organization for the next few years.

On May 7, 1963, a third source advised the PYOC has its headquarters at 80 Clinton Street, New York, New York.

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BURNING ISSUES

A source advised on May 11, 1961, that a meeting was held on May 8, 1961, in New York City, under the auspices of the Discussion Group for those in their twenties and thirties. Said meeting was the third or fourth meeting of the group.

A second source advised on June 14, 1961, that a business meeting of the Discussion Group was held on May 12, 1961, in the name of Burning Issues.

According to information furnished by the second source on December 28, 1961, Marvin Markman, New York District Youth Director, Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA) declared on December 20, 1961, that Burning Issues (BI) was formed without the permission of the Communist Party (CP) and was in effect competing with Advance, a CP initiated Marxist-Leninist youth organization. Markman stated that BI must cease to compete with Advance and declare itself a left-wing organization.

The second source furnished information on January 28, 1963, reflecting that at the Third Annual Convention of Advance, held in New York City, on October 13, 1962, the name of the organization was changed to Advance and Burning Issues Youth Organizations (A-BI). This action was taken because BI, a separate youth organization, organized in New York City, in May, 1961, as a discussion club, became an affiliate of Advance.

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All of the above sources appearing in the Appendix Section have furnished reliable information in the past.

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5 - Chicago (Encls. 5) (Info) (RM)
 (1 - 61-867) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
 (1 - 100-20289) [REDACTED]
 (1 - 100-3740) (MORRIS CHILDS)
 (1 - 100-) (CPUSA-COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM)
1 - Cincinnati (Encl. 1) (Info) (RM)
2 - Cleveland (Encls. 2) (Info) (RM)
 (1 - 65-721) (ANTON KRCHMAREK)
3 - Detroit (Encls. 3) (Info) (RM)
 (1 - 100-13420) (CARL WINTER)
 (1 - 100-8482) [REDACTED]
2 - Los Angeles (Encls. 2) (Info) (RM)
 (1 - 100-4486) (DOROTHY HEALEY)
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1 - New Haven (Encl. 1) (Info) (RM)
2 - Philadelphia (Encls. 2) (Info) (RM)
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2 - Pittsburgh (Encls. 2) (Info) (RM)
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2 - San Francisco (Encls. 2) (Info) (RM)
 (1 - 100-) (ROSCOE PROCTOR)
1 - Seattle (Encl. 1) (Info) (RM)
1 - New York (100-54671) (CPUSA-NATIONAL GROUPS) (414)
1 - New York (100-80864) (CPUSA-RELIGION) (414)
1 - New York (100-89691) (CPUSA-DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES) (414)
1 - New York (100-86624) (CPUSA-INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS) (414)
1 - New York (100-80636) (CPUSA-LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES) (414)
1 - New York (100-80638) (CPUSA-MEMBERSHIP) (414)
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1 - New York (100-79717) (CPUSA-POLITICAL ACTIVITIES) (414)
1 - New York (100-89590) (CPUSA-STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY) (414)
1 - New York (100-80644) (CPUSA-YOUTH MATTERS) (414)

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1 - New York (100-133902) (CP ATTEMPTS TO INFILTRATE MASS
ORGANIZATIONS) (414)
1 - New York (100-151548) (COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL
MATTERS) (414)
1 - New York (100-140667) (ADVANCE) (414)
1 - New York (100-143130) (PYOC) (414)
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1 - New York (100-13203) (GEORGE MORRIS) (414)
1 - New York (100-27452) (ROBERT THOMPSON) (414)
1 - New York (100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT) (414)
1 - New York (100-80532) (HERBERT APTHEKER) (414)
1 - New York (100-18065) (JACK STACHEL) (414)
1 - New York (100-135736) (MARVIN MARKMAN) (414)
1 - New York (100-129498) () (414)
1 - New York (100-145816) () (414)
1 - New York (100-143915) () (414)
1 - New York (100-49430) (PAT TOOHEY) (41)
1 - New York (100-133884) (CPUSA-COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM) (41)

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The Confidential Sources utilized were as follows:

Tuesday,	10/1/63	Session -	CG 5824-S*
Wednesday,	10/2/63	Session -	NY 4155-S*
Thursday,	10/3/63	Session -	NY 4158-S*
Friday,	10/4/63	Session -	NY 4154-S*
Saturday,	10/5/63	Session -	NY 4154-S*
Sunday,	10/6/63	Session -	NY 4154-S*

This memorandum has been classified "Confidential" because it contains information from the above sources, the unauthorized disclosure of which would seriously impair the investigation of the CPUSA, and such impairment could have an adverse effect upon the national defense interests of the country.

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To: SAC, New York (100-128817)

✓ From: Director, FBI (100-3-68)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Reurtel 10/3/63 captioned "CPUSA, Organization."

At the third-day session of the National Executive Committee, Communist Party, USA, held 10/3/63, Phil Bart, according to your sources, commented that some Party districts have paid dues but failed to send reports, while other districts failed to do either. Bart indicated that districts will receive forms in the near future and "will have to count heads."

New York should continue to be most alert to any Party membership count and keep the Bureau and interested offices currently advised. In addition, New York should make every effort to obtain any Party form utilized for this purpose and furnish same to the Bureau.

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ReBu airtel, 10/4/63.

Referenced airtel reflects that at the 10/3/63 session of the CPUSA National Executive Committee (NEC) meeting, PHIL BART commented on failure of CP Districts to send in dues reports and indicated that Districts will receive forms in the near future and "will have to count heads."

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On 10/14/63, [] furnished a copy of a membership questionnaire which was prepared at CPUSA headquarters and given to PHIL BART for the purpose of distributing same to various District leaders at the NEC meeting.

A verbatim copy of this form is as follows:

No. _____

(We would appreciate an immediate reply to the following questions. We recognize difficulty in giving exact answers, but would appreciate the approximate figures.)

1. How many members _____
2. How many clubs? Community _____
 Industrial _____
 Shop _____
3. In how many cities and towns do we have Party organization? _____
4. What is frequency of club meetings? Bi-monthly _____
 Monthly _____
5. Percentage of members participating in circulation of press?
 (Estimate approximately) _____

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6. What is your opinion of popular priced pamphlets published by Worker; how are they distributed?
7. Is there anything you can suggest to aid in approach to organization?

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According to BART did actually distribute these forms at the NEC meeting.

In referenced airtel, Bureau instructed that NY should continue to be most alert to any Party membership count and keep the Bureau and interested offices advised.

All offices receiving a copy of this airtel should be similarly alert and should advise Bureau and the NYO of the appearance of this form in their District and of any information concerning Party membership.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

October 15, 1963

SAC, CHICAGO (100-39740)

CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP
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- 2 - Bureau (Encls. 2)(RM)
- 1 - Cleveland (Info)(RM)
 - (1 - 100- [redacted])
- ③ - New York (RM)
 - (1 - 100-16785 JAMES JACKSON)
 - (1 - 100- [redacted])
 - (1 - 100-30630 CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP)
- 2 - Chicago
 - (1 - A)134-46-3281)

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October 9, 1963

On October 5, 1963, JAMES JACKSON, Editor, "The Worker", had in his possession in New York City a letter he had recently received from an individual residing in the Soviet Union. The verbatim text of this letter is as follows:

"U.S.S.R.
City Lvov
ul. Bohomoltis 10/4
Sloboda Vasyi

"21 Aug. 1963

"To: The Worker, Box 28
Madison Square Station
New York 10, N.Y.

"Dear Sir,

"I'm a regular reader of the Worker even so I'm so far away, and what I would want from you is the following:

"I worked in the U.S.A. from January 1928 till March 1932 for 'Johnson' Green Line Co. of New York. I lived then at 406 E. 6th Street, New York, N.Y. In 1928 I joined the Workers Party of Ohio and paid my dues regularly, however, I have no records of any of the above. Could you possibly get me such a certificate or advise where I can get a certificate to that affect, as I need it to account for my years for pention in the USSR.

"Please be kinde enough an reply.

"Very truly yours Sloboda V."

SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C1897)

10/8/63

SA [REDACTED] (424)

CP, USA, NYD
UPPER EAST SIDE SECTION
NATIONALITIES CLUB
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Identity of Source: [REDACTED]

Description of info: CP Clubs Within Upper East
Side Section of CP, NY, NY.

Date Received: 9/30/63

Original located: [REDACTED]

A copy of informant's report follows:

[REDACTED]
1 - New York (100-128814) (CP, USA, NYD, ORGANIZATION) (414)
1 - New York (100-26603-C42) (CP USA NYD NY COUNTY) (424)
1 - New York (100-26603-C1894) (CP USA NYD UPPER EAST SIDE) (424)
1 - New York (100-128817) (CP USA NYD MEMBERSHIP) (414)
1 - New York (100-80638) (CP USA MEMBERSHIP) (414)
1 - New York (100-80641) (CP USA ORGANIZATION) (414)
1 - New York (100-66715) [REDACTED]
1 - New York (100-81285) [REDACTED] (424)
1 - New York (100-26603-C1897) (424)

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[Signature]

September 30, 1963
New York, New York

The Upper East Side Section of the Communist Party in New York, New York, consists of three Clubs, one of which is known as the Nationalities Club and the other two Clubs are titled but unknown. The Chairman of the Nationalities Club is [redacted] who is also the organizer of the Upper East Side Section of the Communist Party of New York, New York.

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One of the Clubs of the unknown two is believed located in the Yorkville section of New York, New York, and its chairman is believed to be [redacted] based on statements made by [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-33740)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP
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DATE: 10/15/63

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- 2 - Bureau (Encls. 2)(RM)
- 1 - Detroit (RM)
 - (1 - 100- CP, MICHIGAN DISTRICT - MEMBERSHIP)
- 1 - Los Angeles (RM)
 - (1 - 100- CP, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT - MEMBERSHIP)
- ④ - New York (RM)
 - (1 - 100-56579 PHIL BART)
 - ✓(1 - 100-80638 CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP)
 - (1 - 100-80641 CP, USA - ORGANIZATION)
 - (1 - 100- CP, NEW YORK STATE - MEMBERSHIP)
- 1 - San Francisco (RM)
 - (1 - 100-26239 CP, NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT - MEMBERSHIP)
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October 9, 1963

During the course of highly confidential discussion held with PHIL BART, Organizational Secretary, Communist Party, USA (CP, USA), during the week of September 29, 1963, the following was learned:

According to BART, the New York District of the Party currently had 1,500 members. In the Southern California District the membership is now about 750 members. In regard to the Northern California District, BART noted he was not sure of the correct figure but if he had to guess he would estimate the membership in that District as being a little under 300 members.

In discussing the above membership, BART noted that the only District which had not sent in a single dues report for the year 1963 was Michigan.

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Brief description of activity or material Report of Meeting of Ohio CP State Committee at Cleveland, Ohio, 10/13/63		File where original is located if not attached <div></div>

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Remarks: Care should be taken in dissemination and it should be carefully paraphrased to protect the identity of the informant.

Note: Informant advised 10/17/63, he identified persons in this report by showing the last position known to him that they held in the Communist Party.

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Will identify unsubs through contact with source.

- 16 - New York (RM)
- 1 - 100- (CP, USA, Organization)
- 1 - 100- (Gus Hall)
- 1 - 100- (CP, USA, Dom. Adm. Issues)
- 1 - 100- (International Relations)
- 1 - 100- (Factionalism)
- 1 - 100- (Funds)
- 1 - 100- (Membership)
- 1 - 100- (Negro Question - CP Influence in racial matters)
- 1 - 100- (Pamphlets and publications)
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- 1 - 100- (Public appearances of party leaders)
- 1 - 100- (Political Activity)
- 1 - 100- (Religion)
- 1 - 100- (Security Measures)
- 1 - 100- (Dr. W. E. B. DU BOIS)
- 1 - 100- (CP, USA, BRIEF)

2 - Chicago (RM)

- 1 - 100- (CP, USA Organization)
- 1 - 100- (CP, USA Youth matters)

34 - Cleveland (RM)

- 1 - 100-17257 (CP Organization)
- 1 - 65-721 (ANTHONY KRCHMAREK)
- 1 - 100-16924 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-421 (GUS HALL)
- 1 - 100- [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100- [REDACTED]; mother)
- 1 - 100-222 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100- (UNSUB; SALLY (LNU), 5'5", reddish blonde hair, prominent nose, raw boned face & speaks profusely)
- 1 - 100- (UNSUB; HENRY "HANK" (LNU), Negro, junk worker AFL Union, probably from Cleveland)
- 1 - 100-231 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100- (UNSUB; white woman, medium build, about 60 years old, gray hair, 5'5", name possibly EDNA)
- 1 - 100- (UNSUB; white woman, rather heavy build, round face, in 50's and from Youngstown)
- 1 - 100-155 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100- (UNSUB; JOHN (JACK) (LNU), heavy set, is from nationality group and does not speak good English)
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1 - 100-17255 (CP Membership)
1 - 100-17289 (Pamphlets and Publications)
1 - 100-17261 (Negro Question - CP influence in racial matters)
1 - 100-17797 (Factionalism)
1 - 100-16735 [REDACTED]
1 - 100-17259 (Education)
1 - 100-17262 (Youth Matters)
1 - 100-17269 (Domestic Adm. Issues)
1 - 100-17267 (International Relations)
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1 - 100-3500 (CP Organization)
1 - 100-1083 (ANTHONY KRCHMAREK)
1 - 100-8963 (GUS HALL)
1 - 100-12483 [REDACTED]
1 - 100-7560 (CP Funds)
1 - 100-7964 (CP Membership)
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1 - 100-14244 (Negro Question - CP Influence in racial matters)
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1 - 100-8233 (Education)
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1 - 100-8296 (International Relations)
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1 - 100-8373 (Religion)
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"October 13, 1963
Cleveland, Ohio

Subject:

Special Meeting of the State Committee of the
Communist Party of Ohio.

Place:

Auburn & 11th St. on West Side; Cleveland, Ohio,
Building is Known as the Ukranian Labor Temple.

Time:

10:00 AM, DST. to 4:00 P.M. DST.

Date:

October 13, 1963.

10-13-63
Cleveland, Ohio

Those in Attendance Who were Recognized:

1 - Anthony Krchmarek - former State Chairman of the
Communist Party of Ohio

2. [REDACTED] - Wife of Anthony and a Writer of
articles for Worker.

3- Gus Hall National Secretary of the Communist Party.

4- [REDACTED] a former party officer of a state level
in Ohio.

10-13-63
Cleveland, Ohio.

Personell In Attendance continued:

5 - [REDACTED] of the Ohio Valley Stenbenville Area
steelworker.

6 - [REDACTED] Mother.

[redacted]
"7 - [redacted] from Cleveland and a foundry worker was a former officer in C.P. of Ohio.

8 - Sally (LNU) was some kind of officer in C.P. of Ohio. She is 5'5" a reddish blond hair has a Very Prominent Nose Sorta of Raw boned face speaks Profusely.

9 - Henry "Hank" (LNU). The Only Negro in attendance at the Meeting is a junk Worker A.F.L. Union (Probably from Cleveland area)

10 - [redacted] A former office in the C.P. of Ohio Did Not show up until after dinner. Has a husband by name of [redacted]

11 - Another Woman Medium build about 60 yrs old Grey hair, 5'5", white, thought She Might be called Edna.

12 - A white Woman rather heavy build round face in 50's was from Youngstown.

13 - [redacted] is from Columbus, Ohio. Old time party functionary.

14 - John (Jack) (LNU) Heavy set is from Nationality group as he does not speak good English

15 - George (LNU) is heavy set has a ruddy complexion About 5'11" tall, looks Kinda funny around his left eye as if he has had a stroke (facial) 69 years old. He was one of the cooks.

16 - Eli (LNU) from Youngstown is 6' tall broad frame Not too heavy speaks with accent was active in old I.W.O. Affairs 60 yrs old

17 - Another fellow white curly hair spoke like a Jew and he hails from Youngstown about 5'6" tall. (Name Unknown)

18 - Another fellow About 5'8" of slender build and presumably a salesman for the Worker and probably from Cleveland. He is about 38 yrs old and white.

19 - Sid (LNU) from Youngstown and 5'6" white, grey hair heavy build was a former section Organizer from Ohio. He is real Jolly and a real roly poly Wears glasses. (No others were present

[redacted]
"for the meeting)

Meeting was opened about 10:30 A.M. With Ed. Chaka in the Chair with Anthony Krchmarek on his left.

There was a Minute pause in Memory of Du Boise who at a very late date in life joined the Communist Party. They also paused for a Moment to the Memory to other two to be exact woman who had did outstanding work for the C.P. (Names Unrecalled)

The Main Report in the Morning was to be Anthony Krchmarek's followed by discussion then adjourn at 12:30 PM for lunch and back at 1:00 P.M. for a special report from Gus Hall. followed by a review and resume of the Meeting. As it turned out [redacted] did not put an appearance until after Dinner and then [redacted] held up Gus's speech until everyone was there that were due.

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The Majority of A. Krchmarek's speech was spent relating the history of the party from the 1920's etc until the present day He had a very enlarged historic struggle speech that the CP has gone thru.

He enumerated the following points to act on.

- 1 - Dues Control
- 2 - Registration
- 3 - Recruiting.
- 4 - Worker.
- 5 - C.P. literature
- 6 - Elections State National local
- 7 - Special worker rate. will be .05¢ in Bundle

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8 - Last but not least the Negro situation which is in need of ever greater help.

Sally ? stated that she had been approached by comrades who wanted her to join an enlarged Organization as the CP was falling apart Unable to cope with affairs.

She also stated that the idea of membership and recruiting to lay the cards on the table and we would have nothing to hide then the FBI wouldn't be interested as they thrive on

[redacted]

"lies and if they cannot produce them they lay off fast, Gus interrupted Sally and told her to name names, but she stated that it could come later.

(The discussion later centered around [redacted] who was recently expelled from the C.P.)

[redacted] spoke on the Negro situation and stated he believed that More aid to this cause should be had.

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[redacted] spoke on his duty of expelling [redacted] and [redacted]. As they would Not conform. He also apologized for not having an election for chairman of this Meeting.

He also stated that it had been years since a Meeting of this kind had been held.

Guss Hall spoke on his 3 years in College or the equivalent since he had spoke at a large Munber of Campuses etc

Gus also spoke of the work among youth which he stated was sadly lacking as it is in other places, as in Chicago, etc.

He also stated that work among the Negro and Negro Youth should be pursued with a New vigor.

He enumerated the following points to follow. Much the same as Krch had outlined.

1 - The Historical significance of the renewed and vigorous Meeting of this Kind

2 - Membership drive among the Youth and Dues.

3 - Negro situation increased fight for their rights.

4 - Worker and sub drive

5 - Renewed historical approach with meetings to report progress at least every 2 (two) months or even monthly and go to other places with the Meeting for more central location

6 - Sales of literature in College especially his book. it was bought by the thousands and the only thing wrong with as was

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"found no belief in a God.

Both reports by Krch and Gus were accepted by the Meeting.

Eli asked the woman from Youngstown if she would have his question brought out as to the "Russia buying U.S.A. wheat if it would not reflect on the Soviet Union's status

Gus answered by saying during Stalins time a system of Organiz farming was followed which did not pave out. Now the farms are going to be taken over and a New brand of lime and fertilizer to replace the old idea of manure only.

Sally stated she saw a cartoon which showed one Comrade talking to another and the one said who is going to raise the wheat when the whole world is Communist.

The question on China was asked of Gus. And Gus stated that to discuss this the way it should be a whole day's Meeting should be planned.

But a seeming yet plan answer is that the New China leaders refused to following the Marxist-Leninist line of each step as you come to it but China tried a big hurdle which is not good in view of the fact that China itself is a very backward Nation and should follow a Certain Marxist line of progress.

There was a general vote taken to adopt the points which were enumerated before.

Krchmarek summed up the Meeting by talking over the avore Mentioned points. No date set for next Meeting.

Palmer asked Krch to postpone his trip to the Ohio Valley from Oct 17, 1963 to Oct. 25, 1963 and it was agreed.

There is a progressive affair going on at this hall on Nov. 1, 1963 Admission free.

The following literature was offered for sale.

P.A. for August & Sept 1963

"Labor Today" for August Sept 1963

"The Ideological Struggle in the American left."

"Workers" for last two Sundays

and several other periodicals unrecalled.

The question of how Cuba stands today was asked by an out of townner for Gus Hall to answer.

Gus stated that we can draw some lessons from the Cuban Revolution inasmuch as they went ahead and dissolved the C. Party under Battista and when the Castro forces took over it was very tough to get going, fact of the matter all is not well there yet.

Krchmarek put in his two cents worth by stating that Now it is plain to see that what the Soviet Union did was not to export Communism but to offer a protective shield against outside interference by the Capitalists.

Gus then stated he agreed with Krchmarek and went further to state that to have an effective Movement that it Must take a certain shape or form if it has no form then it is Nothing and by dissolving the C. Party in Cuba they lost their form.

Gus also stated that was pretty much what started to happen under Earl Browder when the party took the name political association, that was a beginning of loosing a real prospective.

Krchmarek urged reading of "The Ideological Struggle in the American Left" from P.A. of August, 1963 also he recommended the article from Sept. 1963. of P.A. concerning "The Communist Party fights for its Rights" by E. G. Flynn

Gus Hall made another Statement about the failure of wheat in the Soviet Union. He said the reserve that had been built up was fast being used up so this wheat was being bought to replenish this However with a sly grin he stated that Krushcheb would probably have to make several speeches on this to straighten it out.

Gus and Krch and all present rejoiced that at last American business is doing business with the U.S.S.R. Tony."

Case, [redacted]

Case, [redacted] (100-11111)

10-22-63

SA [redacted]
To: [redacted]
(cc: [redacted])

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On 10/20/63, [redacted] advised that on the above case JAMES [redacted], alias [redacted], and [redacted] were on informal discussion in the latter's office at CP Headquarters, NYC.

The informant advised that the discussion pertained to [redacted]'s desire to return to New York. [redacted] indicated that if he could be transferred back to New York, he could work two or three nights in the [redacted]. In answer to [redacted]'s question as to what he would do in New York, [redacted] said that he could work on the national plane. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was not working in the [redacted].

[redacted] informed [redacted] that he would be willing to work in the [redacted], anywhere as long as he could work. [redacted] said that he desired to return to [redacted], and [redacted] to [redacted] to [redacted] [redacted] [redacted].

[redacted] said that [redacted] was not in any position on the present time to talk about his personal situation and [redacted] would like to talk about the situation in New York. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was trying to [redacted] the [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted]. It was the need to have people [redacted] the [redacted].

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MURKIN in referring to the financial situation said "It's physically, virtually impossible to raise any more money in New Jersey". STACHUR interrupted MURKIN and asked about the membership in New Jersey and not in the. Informant advised that due to the office security of the building this information was not available to him.

MURKIN then told STACHUR "There is no relationship in Jersey, it's terrible" to which STACHUR replied "If you can do better you do it". MURKIN then retorted "These membership figures are terrible." Continuing MURKIN told STACHUR that "you" have to go after those people for money.

Informant advised that both MURKIN and STACHUR congratulated MURKIN about the job he had done in New Jersey as regards this work. MURKIN said that he appreciated the remarks but he still desired to come back to New York or perhaps Connecticut. JACK STACHUR stated that there was nothing in Connecticut.

Informant advised that the discussion closed with MURKIN telling the informant that no final decision could be made at this time and that there needed to be further discussion on MURKIN's request.

October 23, 1963

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (100-12170)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Reference New York airtel to the Bureau dated October 17, 1963, which concerned dues forms.

Enclosed for the Bureau and New York are two copies each of Photostats of a dues report form which was filled out by GEORGE MEYERS, Chairman of the Maryland - D. C. CP District, at recent National Executive Committee meetings held in New York during the first week of October, 1963.

[redacted] on October 22, 1963, advised that he received the original of the dues report form from MEYERS on October 7, 1963, and that he subsequently learned from MEYERS that the form was filled out by MEYERS while the latter was in New York as stated above. [redacted] further stated that MEYERS told him that the figures on the dues report form were supposed to represent the Maryland - D. C. CP District, but were in fact completely incorrect. MEYERS said that he had turned \$75 in to the CP National Headquarters as dues and, in order to substantiate the figure, had set down on the form the fact that there were 73 CP members in the Maryland - D. C. CP District, when in truth the number was only about half that.

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A more detailed report will be sent to New York with regard to the dues report form attached as an enclosure.

New York should use care in utilizing the above information since it was obtained by a highly valued informant and under circumstances that might tend to identify the informant.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C1897) (424) DATE: 10/21/63
FROM : SA [REDACTED] (424)
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[REDACTED] identified photographs of the following
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- [REDACTED] - Unsub, W,M, in late 40's, about 5'0",
slender build, from Sheepshead Bay area.
[REDACTED] - Unsub, W,F, from Advance.

A copy of informant's report follows:

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10/4/63

On Thursday night, 9/26/63, there was a meeting of the Kings County Communist Party (KCCP) Committee at 1110 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, New York. This meeting was scheduled at 8:30 PM and actually started about 8:50 PM.

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There were 14 people present at this meeting.
They were:

DANNY RUBEL (Unofficial chairman of the meeting)

[redacted] (Chairman of "The Worker" ~~Drive~~ Dinner)

[redacted] from Coney Island

[redacted] from Brownsville

[redacted] from Boro Hall

[redacted] from Crown Heights

[redacted] and [redacted] from the CP Caucus of the NALC.

[redacted]

CLARA COLON

Unknown white male, in late 40's, about 5'9", slender build, 160 lbs., with glasses, wearing a light suit, from the Sheepshead Bay area.

Unknown white female, late teens or early 20's, blonde, 5'7" or 5'8", 135 lbs., and who spoke as being an active member of Advance.

Unknown white male in mid 40's, with dark hair, slender build, who wore glasses and had on a dark sweater and black horn rimmed glasses, who according to conversations was from the Boro Hall Section.

DANNY RUBEL gave the major report at this meeting. He commended the Foley Square demonstration which had taken place the prior Sunday. He read a statement which had been

in "The Worker" in reference to Dr. W. E. B. DU BOIS which had been read at the Foley Square demonstration.

RUBEL stated that the main enemy in the United States and of the working people is big business. He criticized President KENNEDY's slowness on moving on the Civil Rights demonstrations. He suggested that the Party give him positive support on anything he does and be critical of anything that he does not do.

RUBEL pointed out that the three critical things facing the Negro Freedom Movement are: 1. Unemployment and automation. 2. School dropouts. 3. Increase in population.

RUBEL pointed out that at least 50% of the United States budget is presently going for arms production. RUBEL talked about the United States intervention in Viet Nam. He said that "The Womens Movement" are going to organize a campaign against Madame NHU when she visits the United States. He said that the slogan they intend to use is "No NHU is Good News". RUBEL talked about the test ban treaty between the United States and the Soviet Union as being good but not complete. He said we still have underground testing.

RUBEL discussed school desegregation situation. RUBEL stated white people should be mobilized for integration of P.S. 275 in Brooklyn. RUBEL stated that he hopes that the Party will set up a parents group on segregation.

Concerning the coming elections RUBEL stated that the Manhattan Party will support a Socialist candidate while the Brooklyn Party will probably support a Liberal Party candidate. He stated that it is hoped that there will be a Negro Congressional candidate from Brooklyn in 1964.

CLARA COLON stated that in recent years there has been no Party growth. She stated that there have been no recruits

and that the funds of the Party are in bad shape. She stated that all aspects of the Party's work are in jeopardy because of this lack of funds. COLON stated that the Party members who are working in mass organizations are being submerged in this mass work and are losing their identity. She said that there should be a ~~REAPPRAISAL~~ of Party members in these mass organizations. She stated that the major business of working in these organizations is to recruit for the Party.

The unknown white female who said that she was a member of Advance spoke. She said that there are Mc Carran Act hearings at 30 Church Street, New York City, concerning Advance. She called for the packing of these hearing rooms from 10 AM to 4 PM. She stated there would be picketing at the site of the hearings the opening day which was to be 9/30/63 at 3 PM. She stated that the pickets would go from the site of the hearing to the United States Steel Headquarters to picket, sit, stand, lie down or anything else protesting the Birmingham situation.

[redacted] from Coney Island stated that the Party needs an ideological ~~reappraisal~~. He stated that the Party members engaged in mass organizational work are too afraid to have themselves identified as Communist. He stated that there is no need to hide so effectively in these groups because it only hampers the work of the Party. [redacted] stated that MILT ROSEN's forces and the ultra left are also in good mass work and are taken the lead away from the Party. [redacted] report agreed with CLARA COLON's criticism of the Party's mass work.

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[redacted] from the CP Caucus reputed COLON's and [redacted] position. He stated that to work in the Civil Rights and other mass organizations the only way was to not identify ourselves. He stated that to identify ourselves as Communist we would face expulsion from these groups. [redacted] agreed with this.

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[] stated that concerning the integration at P.S. 275, that there are many whites in her shop and community who are not ready to have their children transported by bus to Ghetto Schools. She said that the main reason for this is that these schools are inferior. She stated that if these school standards were better there would be less opposition from the whites.

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[] spoke concerning "The Worker". He stated that if the 6½% unemployed would read our paper there would be no unemployment. He stated that "The Worker" is the only paper for the workers.

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[] advised that a friendly jobber, not identified, had agreed to give "The Worker" \$100,000.00 worth of merchandise on consignment for sale at "The Worker" bazaar.

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[] stated that they have been given 500 copies of "The Worker" for free distribution at Brooklyn College and 1,000 in the Bedford-Stuyvesant area. He asked if there was not some way that "we" probably meaning the Brooklyn Party can discuss raising money to pay for these free distributions. RUBEL interjected here and stated that this was not to be discussed at this meeting, but it would be taken up at the County Staff meeting.

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[] also said that "The Worker" should also be used in recruiting for the Party. He said that we could use the paper to give to people where we did not desire to openly approach people. He suggested the office of the paper be notified to where copies of the paper can be given out. [] suggested they pass at the paper in the vicinity of the Brewery Local shape-ups in Brooklyn. He stated that he did not feel that he could pass out the paper himself at these shape-ups.

[] gave a brief discussion. She stated that we should be discussing in each club what each individual member is working on where and in what mass organization they are working. She said there are Party members who are not active in anything.

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COLON announced that the New York School for Marxist Studies (NYSMS) have a brochure showing the schedule for the coming session. She stated that all members no matter how long they have been in the CP could find some subject good for them to attend.

COLON announce about the party for "La Nueva Voz" to be held on Saturday, 9/28/63, at 29 Macon Street, Brooklyn, NY. COLON gave out raffle tickets for the NYSMS and Scope to some of the people.

Tickets were available for "The Worker" dinner on 10/6/63, for \$3.00 each. The only ones who are now recalled as having purchased them were []

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Concerning the shortage of funds for the paper DANNY RUBEL suggested it may be necessary that every Party member must donate \$10.00 to carry them over through the crisis.

[] was talking with RUBEL after the meeting and RUBEL stated he would be notified in time for the next meeting of the County Committee. RUBEL said it would be held once a month.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-4931)

DATE: 11/5/63

FROM : SA JOSEPH V. WATERS

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Report of SA JOSEPH V. WATERS, dated 10/21/63, at New York, entitled as above, reflects activity of the CPUSA, for the quarterly period 7/1/63 to 9/30/63. Details of such activity may be found in this report under the following headings:

Organization
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1-NY (100-80641) (CPUSA - ORGANIZATION) (414)
1-NY (100-80638) (CPUSA - MEMBERSHIP) (414)
1-NY (100-74560) (CPUSA - FUNDS) (414)
1-NY (100-81338) (CPUSA - SECURITY MEASURES) (414)
1-NY (100-96985) (CPUSA - UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS) (414)
1-NY (100-87211) (CPUSA - FACTIONALISM) (414)
1-NY (100-86624) (CPUSA - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS) (414)
1-NY (100-88123) (CPUSA - UNITED NATIONS) (414)
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1-NY (100-89691) (CPUSA - DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES) (414)
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1-NY (100-80644) (CPUSA - YOUTH MATTERS) (414)
1-NY (100-80643) (CPUSA - WOMEN MATTERS) (414)
1-NY (100-80634) (CPUSA - FARMERS MATTERS) (414)
1-NY (100-88297) (CPUSA - CULTURAL ACTIVITIES) (414)
1-NY (100-79498) (CPUSA - VETERANS MATTERS) (414)
1-NY (100-54651) (CPUSA - NATIONAL GROUPS) (414)
1-NY (100-80864) (CPUSA - RELIGION) (414)
1-NY (100-81675) (CPUSA - PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS) (414)
1-NY (100-80633) (CPUSA - EDUCATION) (414)
1-NY (100-133902) (CPUSA - ATTEMPTS OF CP TO INFILTRATE MASS ORGANIZATIONS) (414)
1-NY (100-140277) (CP INTEREST IN PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE) (413)
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No information suitable for inclusion in this report was developed during the period 7/1/63 to 9/30/63, concerning the following activities of the CPUSA.

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Women Matters
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Veterans Matters
Education
Attempts of CP to Infiltrate Mass Organizations
Public Appearances of Party Leaders

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
M E M O R A N D U M

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-18953)

DATE: 11-5-63

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: CP, USA
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Informant

[REDACTED] who has furnished
reliable information in the past.

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10/9/63 to SA [REDACTED]

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Meeting of the State Board of
the CP of Illinois

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No immediate action necessary.

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(1 - 100-) (CP Pamphlets and Publications)

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(1 - 100-19736) [REDACTED]

(1 - 100-20289) [REDACTED]

(1 - 100-3313) (JACK KLING)

(1 - 100-3546) [REDACTED]

(1 - 100-24800) (LOU DISKIN)

(1 - 100-3303) [REDACTED]

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(1 - 100-3952) (GIL GREEN)

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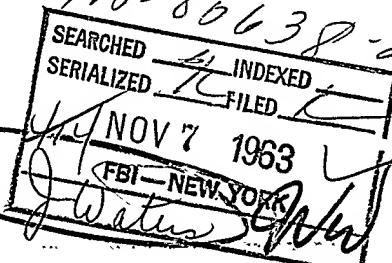
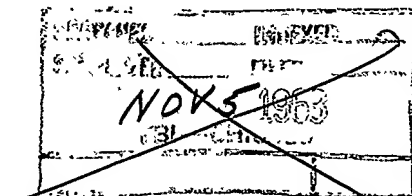
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20 - Chicago (Cont.)

(1 - 61-867) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
(1 - 100-17977) (CP Political Activities)
(1 - 100-18963) (CP Factionalism)
(1 - 100-32864) (CP Counterintelligence)
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(1 - 100-40624) (CP Influence Racial Matters) .

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October 9, 1963

A meeting of the State Board of the Communist Party (CP) of Illinois was held on October 8, 1963, at the home of [] Present were [] EARL DURHAM, JACK KLING, [] LOU DISKIN, [] [] and SAM DAVIS.

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[] proposed that the agenda be an information report on the GIL GREEN banquet emergency, a report from the National Committee meeting and some miscellaneous items. [] stated that the hotel at which the banquet for GREEN was scheduled had called and cancelled the contract. He stated he had discussed this with Attorney PEARL HART and decided they would fight the cancellation rather than go immediately into a law suit. He stated they went to the hotel, himself and BEN GREEN, and met with an assistant manager. This person indicated that the city had demanded that the hotel do some repair work on their plumbing and electrical wiring and, therefore, would have to cancel the banquet. [] stated they indicated that the hotel was obligated to fulfill this contract and would either have to do so or make arrangements at another hotel or else face a law suit. The assistant manager indicated that the manager of the hotel was not available, and he could not make any decisions. [] stated that the upshot of it was that this assistant manager was badly shaken by

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the protest and they left it in abeyance until they could talk to the manager. [] stated he contacted Reverend BAIRD and others on the committee for them to bring pressure on the hotel. At present they are going to fight for the hotel, but if any developments force the moving to a different hotel, emergency steps would have to be taken to inform the people of the change of address. This would be further discussed at a meeting of the arrangements committee scheduled for October 11, at the home of []

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[] stated that he had planned to prepare a report giving an estimate of the National Committee meeting, but since he was faced with the problem of this hotel cancellation, he did not have his notes organized. He would, however, try to give an outline of GUS HALL's main report. [] stated the National Committee spent two days on trade union problems which he would not discuss at this meeting but rather would meet with [] and have him incorporate any new thinking into a report that is to be given to the Board. [] stated there was a two day discussion on the civil rights struggle from a report given by BEN DAVIS, but this he would also not discuss pending LIGHTFOOT's return at which time they will organize a further discussion. [] stated there was a report by GUS HALL on the status of the American Party which he would summarize tonight. He stated there was also a discussion led by HY LUMER on some ideological problems and also a discussion on youth.

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[] then went into HALL's report. He stated this would only be in outline form. He stated that first HALL had indicated that the question before the American Party was can it fulfill its van guard role in this new upsurge taking place in America; an upsurge in which the Party is not the center and the question becomes how can the Party service and help this upsurge. HALL indicated that the next few months should be a test of how the Party can fulfill its role particularly around the areas of Party recruiting, building the press, and strengthening the Party organization. After a few months, HALL proposed that another National Conference be held to evaluate the work in these areas. HALL was critical on the response of the Party to the democratic upsurge taking place in the country and that there needs to be further steps in the Party to mobilize the membership to play a decisive role. The Party is no longer facing factionalism or deviations from the right and left and what is needed now is a united struggle in the Party to fulfill and carry out its line. HALL stated they must have a balanced approach to the Party's weaknesses and strengths so that they don't swing from one side to the other. He stated approximately 5,000 Party members participated in the March on Washington; however, the Party cannot get 12 Party members to distribute leaflets or "The Worker" in the name of the Party in any major district. According

to HALL, there are certain weaknesses that are evident in the Party's work, (1) the Party's public image is almost unseen in many areas. There are no leaflets, no public meetings, and no public spokesman in most areas. To the American masses the CP doesn't seem to exist. HALL stated it is still hard to understand in some Party circles the need to make the sharp edge of their attack on the ultra-right and to take advantage of the differences that exist in the ruling class. The Party must move into the united front and participate in the activities and the struggles. In the elections the Party must seek means of having spokesmen running as candidates rather than only relying on supporting those candidates with progressive ideas. The Party needs to put more clarity on its strategic aim rather than just explaining the day to day problems of the American masses. The CP is plagued with conservatism and materialism, and there is no fight for the Party organization, its form and structure. Some comrades say that conditions make it difficult for the Party to function, but HALL says this is just a phrase and doesn't mean anything. What is necessary is for their cadre to understand the present conditions and what tasks are necessary to advance the struggle. He stated the Chinese party with its deviations has forced the CP to sharpen their understanding of current objective positions. He stated that in speaking

of the Test Ban Treaty, the Party members seem to accept this routinely in recognizing the tremendous significance of this treaty. He used as an example of this his visit to Chicago where he bought champagne and tried to whip up enthusiasm around the treaty by proposing a toast at a meeting where he appeared, and he thought the spirit was dull at that meeting in regards to the Test Ban Treaty. He stated the objectives of the Party must include the struggle to have the American people realize that socialism is here to stay and that peaceful coexistence is next. The Party has the advantage of being the van guard Party and able to do a job of mobilizing the masses. He stated about fifty million Americans are part of this current upsurge in the country around peace, civil rights, jobs, and they have acted in a most militant fashion mostly rank and filers over the heads of their leaders. There is deep concern among the people that the power structure is not fulfilling its obligations. There is limited red baiting within these movements. The current Party policies recognize the realities of this movement and there are deep moods of anti-Imperialism in these movements. He stated the Party must think of the civil rights movement in relationship to the overall struggle in America and particularly the necessity of winning white America to this struggle. It is difficult to balance their thinking on the civil rights movement since

the people in the Party have difficulty in getting all the facts. He stated there is a growing class unity that should be utilized to help win the white workers to this struggle. HALL further indicated the religious organizations are playing a tremendous role in stressing the moral issues and in that way it helps neutralize the reactionary white masses. Politicians also must be pressured to play a good role. There must be more emphasis on the economic and political aspects of the civil rights struggle and particularly in this direction white workers can be won to an understanding. These questions of civil rights can be linked to the 35 hour week and other questions facing the white workers. The bread and butter questions must become dominant in the civil rights struggle. While Congress is debating civil rights measures it is also passing anti-labor legislation because labor isn't fighting back. According to HALL, the Party must concentrate on three fronts. (1) The struggle for Negro rights; (2) economic questions; (3) the struggle for peace. The forces active around these three questions have the making of an all peoples democratic alliance, and the Party must get into this struggle so that they may play a power role. The outlook on political action should recognize that many local new groups can come into being representing the rank and file of the Negro peoples movement and the labor movement

and that the Party must organize now during the primaries if they are to influence the outlook for 1964. The general characterization of the ultra-right today is that there is an ultra-right movement with a conservative fringe. The crises is in the making as far as the American economy is concerned, and the Party must be organized to play a role in the struggle that will develop. The Party organization must be raised to a qualitatively new level. The Party must speak out more and develop more initiative. The criteria will be how the Party membership fights for this Party. There is only one science of Marxism-Leninism, and there are no competing trends. The mass peoples upsurge has left a vacuum on the ideological front and the Party must fill this vacuum with leaflets, "The Worker" and public meetings. The Party will not be able to lead without a system of organization that is based on the building of clubs. If the Party does not recruit, it will die. HALL stated that among the youth they recruited about 200 in the past period and about 30 Puerto Ricans were recruited during the past period. The lesson for the Party is that it is possible to build the Party if they did take the initiative. HALL stated that only one area of the country has a good attitude toward the Party press. That is Southern and Northern California and Washington State. "The Worker" has approximately 5,000 circulation but the "Peoples World" has 10,000 circulation.

That is because the leadership on the West Coast have constant activities for building the paper. This attitude does not exist anywhere else. The clubs must reflect a new level of struggle against white chauvinism, and on the youth the Party approves the formation of a new youth organization in the immediate period recognizing the necessity to allow the youth themselves to make their decisions as to form and content. The Party must be careful not to hug too closely the youth movement. HALL also included remarks on the leadership indicating that no basic change in leadership has taken place but what is necessary to recognize is that there are weaknesses in the leadership. He stated the leadership does not fight for policies in the district and there is a lack of discipline, not enough collectivity, and too much phrase mongering. He stated there is too much subjectivity among the leadership, and the Party needs to overcome this.

then indicated there was much discussion around HALL's report which he would not go into, and he immediately went into HALL's summary of the National Committee meeting. In summary HALL indicated an approval of the youth forming their own new organization. In going further into his opening remarks HALL reiterated that the discussion did not convince him that there was going to be a change in the fight for the Party organization. HALL stated the next few months would be the test. At the close of that period HALL

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suggests the possibility of a conference or if conditions permit perhaps a convention. He stated there is a need for more discussion on why this Party must be fought for, and there is also room for discussion of forms for organization but not forms that would replace the Party organization. HALL indicated he was disappointed in the discussion because there was no comment of the clubs. HALL stated there is some talk of refreshing the leadership, but this must be done with people in the struggle. HALL also stated some conclusions on the work of the FBI in which he said the FBI has different objectives now than before. Although they continue the harassment of individual communists, they also try to undermine the unity and the confidences in the Party, circulate spurious documents spreading rumors, disrupting Negro and white unity, and leading mass organizations to a different end. On China, HALL rejected the idea that there may be factionalism both on the Soviet side and on the Chinese side and stated that the Chinese position is one that would split all CPs and must be fought and more comrades should participate in this struggle. The immediate plans are to build "The Worker" to 10,000, and he further proposed that the report of BEN DAVIS be mimeographed and mailed out to the districts immediately and a document be prepared dealing with the economic and political questions of equality of the Negro people. He also stated that an

editorial article be written in "Political Affairs"
answering the attack of the Chinese Party against the
American Party.

It was decided the next Board meeting would be
held on October 15, and a discussion would be held on
elections.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25603-C1214)

DATE: 11/6/63

FROM : SA JOHN A. HAAG (# 41)

SUBJECT: HARLEM REGION -
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Identity of source: [redacted] who has furnished
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Description of info: 11th AD CP Club meeting,
10/25/63, at 141 W. 111th
Street, NYC.

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Date received: 10/30/63

Received by: SA JOHN A. HAAG (written)

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1 - NY 100-26603-C42 (NY COUNTY CP) (421)
1 - NY 100-80638 (CP NYD MEMBERSHIP) (414)
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11th A.D. Club, Harlem Region, C.P.

The 11th A.D. Club of the Harlem Region of the Communist Party, held a meeting on Friday evening Oct 25 1963 at the residence of [redacted] Street New York City at 9:00 p.m.

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The following members were present. [redacted]

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Comrade LIL.

The following points were on the agenda.

(1) Dues & Fund Drive money. All members paid dues. [redacted] paid \$5.00 in Fund Drive, and [redacted] paid \$2.00 toward Fund Drive.

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[redacted] acting as chairman, asked for a report on recent mass rally, held on Thursday Oct 24, 1963 at 136th Street & 8th Ave. on the St. Nicholas Area Housings.

[redacted] reported on this rally, and stated that it was a mild turn-out perhaps due to not the proper publicizing however, he stated that [redacted] chaired this street meeting and members of New York C.O.R.E. and Metropolitan Council on Housing and the Uptown Tenants Council sponsored this meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to oppose the City of New York from rehabilitating the St. Nicholas Area, which will cause additional rent increase. [redacted] stated that more than 200 petitions have been secured, and more meetings are being planned for the area.

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(3) [redacted] gave a report from the last County meeting of the Communist Party of Manhattan, and stated that although the Communist Party of New York is active in the many issues and struggles of today, however the membership is not increasing, and the Worker is badly in need of funds. [redacted] stated that since the air has slightly cleared for the Communist Party, more open meetings and forums should be planned where the Communist Party can recruit new members, and increase the sales of the Worker. [redacted] asked

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whether the County or State have lifted the ban on having C.P. club of more than 5 or 6 persons. [redacted] stated the 11th A.D. Club, have 12 members at present, and [redacted] apartment is not large enough to accommodate all 12 persons, without adding extra sitting space, and if the 11th A.D. Club would have anymore members, it would have to rent a space, and where are the funds for this venture. [redacted] stated that he would take note of these remarks, and carry them back to the County for the answer.

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The time being 11:15 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Special Note. [redacted] was not present at this meeting, due to his Father being gravely ill in North Carolina, and not expected to live, he and the rest of his family left for North Carolina.

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CG 5824-S* advised SAS [REDACTED] and RICHARD W. HANSEN on 10/29/63 and 11/1/63 that GUS HALL, General Secretary, CPUSA, in preparing a report for the Soviets concerning the membership figures of the CPUSA, placed the figure as between 8,000 and 10,000. If round figures could be used, it was HALL's intention to advise the Soviets that the CPUSA membership is now 10,000. HALL also intends to report that the Party is now engaged in building its membership by placing the emphasis on youth and tying it to the Negro.

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Date: 11/7/63

FROM : SA ROBERT O. JOHNSON (422)

SUBJECT: CP, USA, NYD, KINGS COUNTY
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On Thursday night, 10/10/63, there was a meeting of the Kings County CP (KCCP) Committee at 1110 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, NY.

There were approximately 17 people present at this meeting. Some of them were:

DAN RUBEL (Chairman of the Meeting)
JAMES JACKSON (Gave the major speech)



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LENNIE LNU, white male, about 5'9", late 20's, about 165 pounds, with dark hair.

Unknown white male, late 40's or early 50's, about 5'9", slender build, 160 pounds, at the 9/26/63, KCCP Committee Meeting.



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Unknown white female, in her 50's, 5'6", who said that she was from the Bedford-Stuyvesant area.

ABE LNU, a white male, late 50's, grey hair, about 5'9", who according to his comments was from the Bath Beach Area.

JAMES JACKSON gave the major speech at this meeting. He advised that the Negro Freedom Revolution has moved many people even people that had no connection with it formerly. He said that many white people are now connected with this movement. He stated that since Medicare did not pass the elderly people are adopting tactics of the Negro Freedom Movement as is also the unemployed people.

JACKSON stated that approximately 20 million Negro people are moving in this movement and that it effects 40 million whites which means that about 60 million people are effected by the entire freedom movement.

JACKSON stated that since World War II the main concern of many people has been peace and general disarmament and that now the Negro Freedom Movement had also become a concern of many people. He said that the wheat deal which is being contemplated with the Soviet Union would have been completely impossible if it had not been for the Test Ban Treaty drawn up between the United States and the Soviet Union. JACKSON stated that more and more business is desiring open trade with the Soviet Union.

JACKSON stated that the conditions for "our" Party in the US is improving. He stated that the entire atmosphere is improving and that conditions at the present time were never better for strengthening the Party.

JACKSON stated that we should improve the efficiency of our clubs. He stated that there are three functions of the clubs and they are as follows:

1. Satisfy the needs of education and the discussion of current events.
2. Exchange experiences of mass organizational work of individuals in the clubs. By doing this we can find ways to work out our problems in mass work.
3. Be attentive to the Party needs such as funds, distribution and recruitment.

DANNY RUBEL made a remark that about 50% of the membership of the CP are not paid up on their dues. He stated that funds are desperately needed and there is a great need to build our Party.

JACKSON continued by saying that in the next six months leading Party executives will devote more time to the clubs and the club work. He stated that they may even attend and sit in on club meetings.

[redacted] CONNIE BART and [redacted] were self-critical of themselves and the Party. They discussed the fact that the work they are doing should improve and that there should be discussions in the clubs concerning what everyone is doing and how to work more efficiently in the clubs.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

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1 - NY 100-138492 [redacted] (422) (p. 5)
1 - NY 100-129498 [redacted] (414) (p. 5)
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1 - NY 100-26603 (NYD) (414)

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11/8/63

PHIL BART -- 11/8/63 at the regular every-other-Friday briefing meeting at National Office CPUSA

On plan of work for the 4-month campaign for Party renewal, based on GUS HALL's report. -- the only question discussed.

PHIL pointed out he was not going to repeat the material in the report itself, since it had already been distributed and read. Indicated that in the 11/21 issue of The Worker the section on Page 13 of the report on the Party to the end of the report, would be reprinted.

Points covered:

- 1) The building of the circulation and influence of the Worker. Of increasing as well as maintaining the circulation of the paper by 4,000 (half of that in New York). The New York district has agreed to this and there has been, as well, positive response from other districts. Especially newstand distribution must be increased.

There will be an introductory drive of 10,000 new readers by means of a special 2-month sub to be offered for \$1.00.

- 2) (a) To increase Party membership by 1,000.
(b) Reconstitution of our Party in many districts. Noted that with the attack on the Party, membership was lost in many states, with the result that only the principal city in each of those states was left with a Party membership, so that we were left with only a one-city Party.
(c) Involving many forces in movements around the Party to help in this membership drive.

The main stress is to be on Negro and youth as the central point in all fields of work.

Must stress a policy of concentration. Certain areas to become concentration areas of work -- also particular sections of the population and the working class.

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- 1) The main areas of concentration to be Ohio, Michigan, Illinois. We will not forget either the East Coast or the West Coast. In the West Coast a real change has taken place since the period when concentration areas were decided, and we will have to look into these new developments.
- 2) We propose attention to be given in the concentration to win Negro workers. Special concentration on Harlem and the South Side of Chicago.

With this in mind forces have been assigned and scheduled. GUS HALL will be functioning and spending time in Chicago. Each leading comrade is to spend at least one month in each assigned area of a distant nature. The nearby areas can be covered in shorter periods of time. These comrades are to actually take part in clubs, and day to day activities. JOHNSON is going to Ohio. Other designations will be made and shifting of forces in specific areas. IRVING to New Jersey, PHIL to New England, JACK to another area, etc., etc. Stress that they will work in these areas, make reports, and be responsible for the areas.

Hand in hand will be ideological activity -- educational material and pamphlets.

- 1) Publication of a pamphlet on "What is the Communist Party?".
- 2) A series of national leaflets in the name of the CP USA:
 - a) To deal with the whole peace issue.
 - b) The economic situation.
 - c) On the Negro Freedom movement.

A training program specifically directed for the training of the people in the districts. This has already been started in New England, Eastern Pennsylvania and the East Coast.

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3) Political Affairs.

To increase the magazine by 1,000. If new readers are not obtained, it results in a decline in circulation. In the course of the last six months there has been a decline. Club subscriptions will be pushed in an organized manner. Also special effort to bring the magazine to college libraries, community libraries, etc. It has been found where a free sub was given to some of these places, when sub expired, they renewed that sub. There is great interest in these areas in the magazine, in many places.

World Marxist Review also must be increased.

The whole movement must be involved in this effort and each club must develop its own activities in building our press and organization.

Especially in the South, we will stimulate the whole movement there. Youth must be a major concentration. Especially now when the youth are initiating a move to create and coordinate a Marxist organization by the early part of next year.

A National Conference next year will take stock of what we have accomplished and further perspectives of the 1964 national elections.

A discussion followed this report.

Present at meeting: STACHEL, BART, WEINSTONE, LEM HARRIS,
[REDACTED] TRACHTENBERG, LOU WEINSTOCK,
JESUS, CLARA COLON, PAT TOOHEY, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] WEINSTONE, JIM LUSTIG.

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No other activity was noticed in the National Office the rest of the day. There is some agitation among the technical workers

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on the second and third floor for the need of a raise in pay, trying to find ways and means of raising the question.

[redacted] came into the office for a short while in the afternoon. Said he was leaving for Ohio on Tuesday. BEN DAVIS left for Detroit yesterday but is expected back in a few days. EARL was in in the afternoon, spending most of the day on errands in connection with obtaining license plates for a car which BETH seems to have sold him.

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500 more copies of GUS HALLs October report on Party renewal have been mimeographed and 125 given to NY district, 100 mailed to DOROTHY HEALY, 10 send with DAVIS to Detroit, 10 send to Pittsburgh, and 20 to Ohio.

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This source has described these bi-weekly meetings as meetings of individuals connected with CP publications and general news media. The purpose of these meetings is to acquaint these individuals with the recent decisions and plans of the CPUSA National Board.

TO: SAC,

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RE: **COMMUNIST PARTY, USA**
MEMBERSHIP
IS-C

Date 11/3/63

☒ For information ☐ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____.

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<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>1971-1972</u> <u>REVENUE</u>	<u>ESTIMATED</u> <u>1973 REVENUE</u>	<u>1971-1972</u> <u>REVENUE</u>
Connecticut District	33	Connecticut	33
Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware District	103	Pennsylvania (Eastern) Delaware	103 3
Illinois District	303	Illinois (Cooking East St. Louis area)	303
		Iowa (Cavoyport & Bettendorf only)	0
Indiana District	43	Indiana	43
Maryland-D.C. District	92	Maryland District of Columbia	92 7
Michigan District	101	Michigan	101
Minnesota-Dakota District	147	Minnesota North Dakota South Dakota	147 0 0
Missouri District	41	Missouri Kansas (Kansas City only) Illinois (East St. Louis only)	41 3 0
Nebraska District	29	Nebraska	29
New England District	103	New Hampshire Maine New Brunswick Nova Scotia Prince Edward Island	103 3 0 0 0
New Jersey District	103	New Jersey	103
New York District	1,300	New York	1,300
Northern California District	134	California (north of San Joaquin Santa Barbara Counties)	134
Northwest District	213	Washington Idaho Alaska	213 0 0
Ohio District	153	Ohio West Virginia (Martinsburg County)	153 3

STATISTICS - (Continued)

California District	10
Oregon District	10
Southern California District	652
Southern Region	64
Utah District	10
Western Pennsylvania District	17
Virginia District	100
<u>GRAND TOTAL OF ALL 17 DISTRICTS</u>	<u>60</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>4,252</u>
Number of Members	22

Alabama	10
Arizona	10
California (exclusive of counties north of Santa Barbara & San Joaquin)	652
Colorado	
Connecticut	
Delaware	
Florida	
Georgia	
Idaho	
Illinois	
Indiana	
Iowa	
Kansas	
Mississippi	
Missouri	
Montana	
Nebraska	
Nevada	
New Hampshire	
New Jersey	
New Mexico	
New York	
North Carolina	
North Dakota	
Ohio	
Oklahoma	
Oregon	
Pennsylvania	
Rhode Island	
South Carolina	
South Dakota	
Tennessee	
Texas (exclusive of the 17 counties north of Santa Barbara & San Joaquin)	
Vermont	
Washington	
West Virginia	
Wisconsin	
Wyoming	
<u>Total</u>	<u>4,152</u>
Number of Members	21

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF AIRPORTS OPENED BY CITY REVENUE

	<u>12/31/52</u>	<u>1/31/53</u>	<u>6/30/53</u>	<u>9/30/53</u>
Albany	10	10	10	10
Albuquerque	0	0	0	0
Anchorage	0	0	0	0
Atlanta	10	10	10	10
Baltimore	10	10	10	10
Birmingham	10	10	10	10
Boston	10	10	10	10
Buffalo	10	10	10	10
Butte	10	10	10	10
Charlotte	10	10	10	10
Chicago	10	10	10	10
Cincinnati	10	10	10	10
Cleveland	10	10	10	10
Dallas	10	10	10	10
Denver	10	10	10	10
Detroit	10	10	10	10
El Paso	10	10	10	10
Honolulu	0	0	0	0
Indianapolis	10	10	10	10
Kansas City	10	10	10	10
Las Vegas	0	0	0	0
Little Rock	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	10	10	10	10
Louisville	10	10	10	10
Memphis	10	10	10	10
Miami	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis	10	10	10	10
Mississippi	10	10	10	10
Mobile	10	10	10	10
Montreal	10	10	10	10
New Haven	10	10	10	10
New Orleans	10	10	10	10
New York	10	10	10	10
Omaha	10	10	10	10
Oklahoma City	10	10	10	10
Orlando	0	0	0	0
Philadelphia	10	10	10	10
Pittsburgh	10	10	10	10
Portland	10	10	10	10
Richmond	10	10	10	10
St. Louis	10	10	10	10
San Antonio	10	10	10	10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)
SUBJECT: CPUSA - MEMBERSHIP
IS-C
(OO: NY)

Date: 12/3/63

On 11/14/63, [] made available a compilation of membership data and dues payment units received for the years 1960 -63, broken down by districts. Also made available was a two page memorandum captioned "Report on Dues Situation"

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1-Albany (RM)
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1-St. Louis (RM)
1-Salt Lake City (RM)
1-San Diego (RM)
1-San Francisco (RM)
1-Seattle (RM)
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Dist.	Membership Estimated by District	Recruiting '60 '61 '62 '63	Last Dues Order	1963 Total	Average '63 '62 '61 '60	
N.Y.		81 0 24 27	Oct.	8825	882 875 1383 1703	
N.J.	48	6	Oct.	526	52 54 69 68	
E.P.	129		Oct.	595	60 10 163 70	
W.P.		2	Sept.	88	7 7 7 4	
Md.			Sept.	73		12
N.E.		5 1	June	438	73 57 58 75	
Ohio			Aug.	530	66 68 75 117	
Mich.		2	Oct.	453	45 45 119 122	
Ill.	300	21	Sept.	1360	151 210 191 337	
Wisc.		3	July	364	52 30 46 37	
Minn.- Dakota		4	Oct.	1123	112 66	181
Montana- Idaho		1	Oct.	117	12	3 19
Ore.		2	Jan.	69	21 37 36	
Wash.	150	18	Mar.	450	150 150 133 182	
S. Cal.	650- 700	14	April	1597	400 654 542 713	
N. Cal.			July	2123	303 92 220 301	
Mo.			Oct.	\$201		8
Conn.						4 14
Ind.	43				7	60
Utah						10
Oklahoma- Arkansas			Sept.	87	10 11 9 12	

Note: Seems there are no \$3 dues according to the constitution, but some districts insist on collecting \$3 dues.

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Dist.	DENOMINATION					
	.15	.50	1.00	2.00	5.00	3.00
N.Y.	502	966	2615	789	499	96
N.J.	53	77	113	51	2	
E.P.	199	274	200	28	9	
W.P.	44	18	25			
Md.		10	13	40	10	
N.E.	21	123	243	38	3	
Ohio	29	128	147	2		
Mich.	59	156	202	29	7	
Ill.						
Wisc.	32	172	127	22		
Minn. - Dakota	112	461	369	130	57	2
Montana - Idaho		99		18		
Ore.						
Wash.						
S. Cal.	117	562	624	253	21	
N. Cal.	266	343	433	247	60	
Mo.						
Conn.						
Ind.						
Utah						
Oklahoma-Arkansas	60	12	15			

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Report on Dues Situation

NOTE: This report will be based on the figures for 1960, 61 and 62, and partially for 1963. In other words, from the 17th convention to date. We also have figures on dues and recruiting from 1955-56, no figures for 1957-58 and only a 6-month period, from January to June, 1959.

1. The partial report for 1963 is based on six districts through Oct. 30, 4 districts through Sept. 30, the six districts being New York, New Jersey, Michigan, Eastern Pennsylvania, Minnesota-Dakota, and Montana-Idaho. The 4 districts are: Maryland, Illinois, Western Pennsylvania, Oklahoma-Arkansas. One district, Ohio, through August 30th; two,--Wisconsin and Northern California -- through July 30th; one -- New England-- through June 30th; one -- Southern California -- through April 30th; one (Washington State) through March 30th; and one -- Oregon -- through January 30th and probably this is for 1962. No dues for Connecticut, and \$201 for from Missouri with no indication as to period or denomination.
 11. According to our records the total number of state and district organizations paying dues in 1963 was 19; in 1962 and 1961 it was 18, and in 1960 it was 21. The reason for 21 in 1960 is that at that time Indiana and Utah were paying dues.
- III. According to our records there is no accounting for dues from the South from 1959 to date.
- IV. According to the records I have been able to collect to date, the following districts claim the following members: Eastern Pennsylvania 129, Indiana 43, New Jersey 48, Washington 150, Southern California 650 to 700, Illinois 300.
- I tried at the last conference to get a more accurate picture; however, I was unable to do so. Some of the districts just shrugged their shoulders.

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- V. Recruiting: I will try to give you again the picture for 1960, 61 and 62 and partially for 1963. Keep in mind, however, when noting the figures for 1963 that many districts have not sent in their dues orders for a number of months so that this figure may go up by the end of the year.
- VI. The present system of dues collection is very irregular, and certainly not in keeping with an organized system of Party organization. Although, with the exception of Illinois which refuses to use the national form for reasons beyond my comprehension, all districts now send in reports on the form established by us; however, the more important thing is the irregular remittance of dues to the center. This is no doubt due to certain conditions beyond our control; however, this is not the entire reason. The fundamental cause is that there has in recent years developed a condition in our organization of a disregard of the constitutional provision for monthly dues. Despite all contributing causes, we find in recent months where we made a drive in some districts to remit dues more often, this reflects itself in more regular collection of dues. The best example I can give is the Minnesota-Dakota district. We received from that district dues orders in February, March, June, July, August and October, and when I give you later the average dues payments, you will see the effect of this on this district. With the exception of New York, where we get dues every week, New Jersey has sent in dues orders for April, June, July and October; Eastern Pa. January, February, March, October; Maryland only one this year, in September; New England for February, March and June; Ohio April and August; Michigan for September and October; and Illinois for June; Wisconsin for January, June and July; Montana-Idaho June, July and October; Oregon, January; Washington, March; Southern California February and April; Northern California February, March and July.

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We tried to remedy the situation by overcoming certain difficulties in giving a special dues address. However, only one has used it -- Montana-Dakota.

- VII. The decision we made some months ago regarding the full remittance to the Center of all dues due to the National Committee to my knowledge is being carried through today. We have stopped getting vouchers from the district which was the worst offender in this respect, that is, Illinois, and that is progress.

Southern California as of today is the only district that is permitted, with our approval, to deduct \$35 a week from the dues due to the center for Pettis Perry.

- VIII. Finally, I have a table giving the present dues status of the districts for 1963 (partial and based on the last month they paid for), and comparative figures for 1962, 1961 and 1960. In this respect we are also able, in view of the kind of records now being kept, to give you an idea of the denominations paid, which in a general way would indicate some of the composition of the Party.

The following are a few proposals that I would like to present for consideration to improve the present dues status:

1) It is obvious from the figures presented that dues collection has become a major casualty of a weak or non-existent system of Party organization. Therefore, the struggle for collection of dues must become a barometer of how well we are strengthening the system of Party organization during this 4- month campaign. I think we have to reinstitute and popularize more the basic Leninist principle of Party organization which calls for:

- a) an individual belonging to a sub-division of the Party, or a club.

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- b) a Party member is required to pay regular dues and in accordance with our constitutional provision once a month.
- c) a Party member must actively participate in the work of the Party club to the best of his ability.
- 2) That we review in the course of this 4 month campaign in each district the method and system of dues collection, and that we initiate a drive for regular monthly dues payment, including a monthly remittance to the N.O.
- 3) That we undertake to guarantee a proper system for such monthly remittance
- 4) That we reinstitute on a permanent basis the Southern Sustaining Fund as a means of not only financial but also politically involving every individual in helping our Party to carry through its program of work in the South.

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The attention of all offices receiving this communication is directed to page 6, paragraph 1 of the memorandum entitled, "Report on Dues Situation" which indicates a special dues address. All offices receiving this communication should contact sources for any information they may have regarding such cover addresses used for communication with the National Office of the CPUSA.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-43)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)

CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP
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On 11/21/63, NY 1673-S* furnished photographs of information in the possession of PHIL BART, National Organizational Secretary of the CP, USA, from his residence at 2415 Newlin Ave., Brooklyn, NY. The original negative of these photographs are being made an exhibit in BART's NY file.

Among the information furnished by this source were photographs of a number of current CP, USA district registration forms. These forms were specifically for the Illinois, Michigan, Maryland - Washington, D.C., Southern California and Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware CP districts. One other form marked "Number 1" is believed to be for the New England CP district. The reason for this belief is that the source furnished other information indicating that the districts had been set up with a numbered designation and that the number 1 designation had been given to the New England district.

Copies of this information have been forwarded to the various offices covering these districts under separate communications for their information. Enclosed for the Bureau's use and evaluation are copies of the above-described photographs.

- 2 - Bureau (Encls. 6) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-80641) (CP-ORGANIZATION) (414)
- 1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (414)
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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

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SAC, PITTSBURGH (100-8664) (P)

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Re New York airtel to Bureau, 10/17/63.

Informants of the Pittsburgh Office have been alerted concerning the membership forms mentioned in reairtel but, to date, have furnished no information indicating that this form has appeared in the Western Pennsylvania area. It is noted that it is possible that [redacted] Communist Party organizer, might utilize this form in reporting membership information to the National Office without consulting with other Communist Party members.

It is also noted that on 10/29/63, PG 180-S* advised that on that date, [redacted] discussed CP membership and recruiting with his wife, [redacted] CPWP members. During this discussion, [redacted] mentioned that he would like to show an increase in CP dues payments each year and would like to show dues payments for 12 people this year.

Pittsburgh will remain alert for pertinent information concerning the aforementioned membership form and any other information concerning CP membership or dues payments in the CPWP.

- 2- Bureau (RM)
- 2- New York (100-80638) (RM)
- 1- Pittsburgh

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-146684) (41)

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WOMEN STRIKE FOR PEACE
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Identity of Source [REDACTED]

Description of info

Info pertaining to Cominfil,
Women Strike for Peace.

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Date Received

10/25/63

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A copy of informant's report follows:

- [REDACTED]
- 1 - New York 100-114950 [REDACTED] (424)
 - 1 - New York 100-102887 [REDACTED] (424)
 - 1 - New York 100-133903 (CP ATTEMPTS TO INFILTRATE MASS ORGANIZATIONS) (414)
 - 1 - New York 100-26603-C42 (CP USA NYD NY COUNTY) (424)
 - 1 - New York 100-26603-C1397 (CP USA NYD UPPER EAST SIDE SECT. NATIONALITIES CLUB) (424)
 - 1 - New York 100-26603-C1394 (CP USA NYD UPPER EAST SIDE SECT) (424)
 - 1 - New York 100-128317 (CP USA NYD MEMBERSHIP) (414)
 - 1 - New York 100-80638 (CP USA MEMBERSHIP) (414)
 - 1 - New York 100-66715 [REDACTED] (424)
 - 1 - New York 100-96733 [REDACTED] (424)
 - 1 - New York 100-95533 (CP USA LINE) (414)
 - 1 - New York

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October 25, 1963
New York, New York

[redacted] both members of the Nationalities Club of the Communist Party, NY, NY, have on many occasions in the past visited the Union Settlement Housing Development located at 1767 Third Ave. in NY, NY, a meeting place for forums sponsored by Women Strike For Peace. These forums were generally held on Friday evenings and observed in attendance on many occasions were [redacted] and [redacted] both of whom are members of the Nationalities Club of the CP in NY, NY. [redacted] and [redacted] never participated in any of the forums sponsored by the Women Strike For Peace because their presence at the aforementioned forums was always under suspect by the members of this organization which is legitimate in character. The officers of Women Strike For Peace Organization are aware of any Communist infiltration on the part of [redacted] and [redacted]. Any person who would try to influence the policy of this organization would be immediately noticed by the officers. However, continued activity on the part of [redacted] has been exerted on behalf of the CP in NY by her in this organization.

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[redacted] is scheduled to report on her activity within the Women Strike For Peace Organization at the next meeting of the Nationalities Club of the CP which will be held on 10/25/63 in Manhattan.

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The above mentioned CP members have not been successful in their attempts to exert any influence whatsoever on the program or policy of the Women Strike For Peace Organization. Their subversion of this organization would immediately arouse the suspicion or suspicions of the officers of this organization and they would be expelled from any meetings or forums sponsored by this organization. Thus far the members of the CP listed above have not been successful in their attempts to influence the officers of this organization to follow any line promoted by the CP.

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(We would appreciate an immediate reply to the following questions. We recognize difficulty in giving exact answers, but would appreciate the approximate figures.)

1. How many members 27

Community 2
2. How many clubs? Industrial 2
Shop _____

3. In how many cities and towns do we have Party organization? 2

4. What is frequency of club meetings? Bi-monthly ✓
Monthly _____

5. Percentage of members participating in circulation of press?
(Estimate approximately) 10%

6. What is your opinion of popular priced pamphlets published by Worker how are they distributed?

*most are good
mailed out free*

7. Is there anything you can suggest to aid in approach to organization?

Mary Lind - D.C.

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SAC, BALTIMORE (100-)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-21039)

CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP
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On 11/21/63, NY 1007-90 furnished photographs of information in the possession of PHIL BART, National Organizational Secretary of the CP, USA, from his residence at 2415 Marwick Ave., Brooklyn, NY. The original negative of these photographs are being made an exhibit in BART's NY File.

Among the information furnished by this source was a photograph of an envelope marked "Maryland - D.C.," which contained a current CP, USA registration form for the Maryland - Washington, D.C. district. This form included the number of members, clubs and other pertinent information. It is believed the actual information in this form can be checked with [redacted] who it is believed delivered the form to PHIL BART.

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Copies of this photograph are being made and enclosed to the Baltimore and Washington Field Offices; one is being retained for the NY Membership file and other copies are being forwarded to the Bureau under separate communication.

- 2 - Baltimore (Encls. 2) (RM)
- 2 - Washington Field (100-) (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-80641) (CP-ORGANIZATION) (414)
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(Who would appreciate an immediate reply to the following questions. We recognize difficulty in giving exact answers, but would appreciate the approximate figures.)

1. How many members RD

Community 4
2. How many clubs? Industrial none
Shop none

3. In how many cities and towns do we have Party organization? 16

4. What is frequency of club meetings? Bimonthly from 1 to monthly
Monthly none in 2nd year

5. Percentage of members participating in circulation of press?
(Estimate approximately) 10

6. What is your opinion of popular priced pamphlets published by Worker? How are they distributed?

*of Worker pamphlet distributed to T.O. people
by mail & at TV meetings.
of Jackson pamphlet circulated in civil
rights movement*

7. Is there anything you can suggest to aid in approach to organization?

SAC, BOSTON (100-)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)

CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP
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Among the information furnished is a photograph of a current CP, USA registration form marked "Number 1." It is believed by the NYO that this form is from the New England CP district since there was other information in possession of the source indicating that the districts were set up by number and the key indicated that the Number 1 designation belonged to New England. This form contains information regarding actual membership, number of CP clubs and other pertinent organizational matter.

A copy of this photograph is being made an enclosure to Boston and one is being retained in the NY Membership file. Other copies are being forwarded to the Bureau under separate communication.

- 2 - Boston (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-80641) (CP-ORGANIZATION) (414)
- 1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (414)
- ① - New York

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No. 5

(We would appreciate an immediate reply to the following questions. We recognize difficulty in giving exact answers, but would appreciate the approximate figures.)

1. How many members 129-132?

2. How many clubs? Community 6
Industrial 1
Shop 2

youth clubs - 3
national group - 1
professional - 1

3. In how many cities and towns do we have Party organization? 3 Counties -

4. What is frequency of club meetings? Bi-monthly ✓
Monthly

5. Percentage of members participating in circulation of press?
(Estimate approximately) 10%

6. What is your opinion of popular priced pamphlets published by Worker how are they distributed?

"most of these have come directly into the bookshop and we have not followed up too conscientiously. However, on the George Morris pamphlet where we made some special effort clubs and individuals did respond most favorably -"

7. Is there anything you can suggest to aid in approach to organization?

There is great need for a collective discussion on org problems on a national scale - We have been remiss on this score - do not feel that the recent meeting grappled with some serious problems at all - For example, in relation to organization

3. In how many cities and towns do we have Party organization? 3 Counties -

4. What is frequency of club meetings? Bi-monthly ✓
Monthly

5. Percentage of members participating in circulation of press?
(Estimate approximately) 10%

6. What is your opinion of popular priced pamphlets published by Worker how are they distributed?

Most of these have come directly into the bookshop and we have not followed up too conscientiously. However, on the George Morris pamphlet where we made some special effort clubs and individuals did respond most favorably —

7. Is there anything you can suggest to aid in approach to organization?

There is great need for a collective discussion on org problems on a national scale — We have been remiss on this score — do not feel that the recent meeting grappled with some serious problems at all — For example; The new sub drive in relation to organization — What instruments for such an ambitious drive? How will clubs be moved? What is the level of Club activity? What is the role under present conditions of the Party club? These are but a few of the questions that merit examination. Much more detailed examination necessary regarding a cadre building program; renewal and refreshment of leadership — etc — These and other questions are lost in general discussion and we fear that with all the talk about

Concrete Examination of the Party
organization in this period — The heart
of the matter is being left

(We would appreciate it if you would
indicate in your report the number of
members who have been added to the
organization since the last report.)

1. How many members

2. How many added

3. In how many cities

4. What is the average

5. Percentage of members

6. When is your report

7. Is there anything you can suggest to aid in expansion?

SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)

CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP
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On 11/21/63, NY 1673-S* furnished photographs of information in the possession of PHIL BART, National Organizational Secretary of the CP, USA, from his residence at 2415 Newkirk Ave., Brooklyn, NY. The original negative of these photographs are being made an exhibit in BART's NY file.

Among the information furnished by the source were photographs of a current CP, USA registration form for what appears to be the Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware CP district. This form contains information regarding membership, the number of clubs and other pertinent items.

Photographs of this form are being forwarded to Philadelphia; one is being retained in the CP, USA membership file in the NYO. Other copies are being forwarded to the Bureau under separate communication.

- 2 - Philadelphia (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-80641) (CP-ORGANIZATION) (41A)
- 1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (41A)
- ① - New York

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No. 9

(We would appreciate an immediate reply to the following questions. We recognize difficulty in giving exact answers, but would appreciate the approximate figures.)

1. How many members 125

Community 8
2. How many clubs? Industrial 3
Shop 1
Nat. Org. 4

3. In how many cities and towns do we have Party organization? 3

4. What is frequency of club meetings? Bi-monthly ☒
Semi-Monthly ☒

5. Percentage of members participating in circulation of press?
(Estimate approximately) 10-15%

6. What is your opinion of popular priced pamphlets published by Worker how are they distributed? *We were able to use the Worker pamphlet that was distributed & mailed & sold to active trade unionists, mainly on various levels. The others were confined to what was sold in bookstores.*

7. Is there anything you can suggest to aid in approach to organization?

a) Put a person in field as field secy. who will spend a lot of his or her time in the various states, esp. south, helping to solve out-laid groups with problems of origin.

Working in
Chick

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Method of delivery (check appropriate blocks)

☒ in person ☐ by telephone ☐ by mail ☐ orally ☐ recording device ☐ written by Informant

If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent:

Date

Dictated _____ to _____

Transcribed _____

Authenticated
by Informant _____

Date of Report

EXHIBIT

Date(s) of activity

CURRENT

Brief description of activity or material

(1B124) Dues & membership figures of CPUSA

with (1B125) Photos of two explanatory sheets.

File where original is located if not attached

Explanatory sheets are photo prints of 2 pieces 100-80638-1B124&1B125

Remarks:

of carbon paper which are also enclosed.

Obtained at CPUSA headquarters, NYC on 11/12/63.

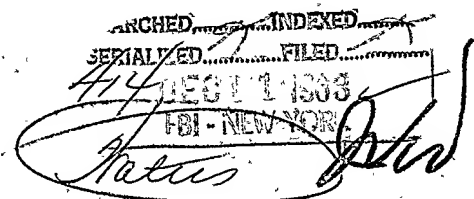
Bureau and all pertinent offices advised by letter
12/3/63.

1-NY 100-74560 (CPUSA FUNDS) (414)
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SAC, CHICAGO (100-)

DEC 4 - 1963

SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)

CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP
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On 11/21/63, NY 1637-S* furnished photographs of information in the possession of PHIL BART, National Organizational Secretary of the CP, USA, from his residence at 2415 Newdirk Ave., Brooklyn, NY. The original negatives of these photographs are being made an exhibit in BART's NY file.

Among the information furnished was a photograph of an envelope marked "Illinois," which contained a current CP, USA registration form for the Illinois district. Included in this form were the number of CP members, clubs and other pertinent organizational information.

A copy of this photograph is being made an enclosure to this letter to the Chicago Office and another copy is being retained in the NYO Membership file. Copies are also being forwarded to the Bureau under separate communication.

- 2 - Chicago (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-80641) (CP-ORGANIZATION) (414)
- 1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (414)
- ① - New York

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(We would appreciate an immediate reply to the following questions. We recognize difficulty in giving exact answers, but would appreciate the approximate figures.)

1. How many members 300
Community 26
2. How many clubs? Industrial 4
Shop
3. In how many cities and towns do we have Party organization? city - 4 towns
4. What is frequency of club meetings? Bi-monthly monthly
Monthly
5. Percentage of members participating in circulation of press?
(Estimate approximately) 15%
6. What is your opinion of popular priced pamphlets published by Worker how are they distributed?

*fine -
mass distribution, mailings - personal
usage -*

7. Is there anything you can suggest to aid in approach to organization?

yes

*Prince Geo.
Blue for
2
Alexander
27 St.
12
28 St.
Belvedere
54 St. & Mad*

SAC, NEW YORK (100-132430) (423)

12/6/63

SA [REDACTED] (424)

CP, USA, NYD, INDUSTRIAL DIVISION
IS-C

Identity of Source: [REDACTED]

Description of info: Formation of Industrial
Commission, 11/9/63,
NY, NY.

Date Received: 11/12/63

Original located: [REDACTED]

A copy of informant's report follows:

[REDACTED]

1 - New York	(100-48969)	[REDACTED]	(423)
1 - New York	(100-15946)	(JAMES TORMEY)	(423)
1 - New York	(100-85964)	[REDACTED]	(424)
1 - New York	(100-132947)	[REDACTED]	(423)
1 - New York	(100-116704)	[REDACTED]	(23)
1 - New York	(100-82430)	[REDACTED]	(423)
1 - New York	(100-47854)	[REDACTED]	(423)
1 - New York	(100-135084)	[REDACTED]	(414)
1 - New York	(100-80638)	(CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP)	(414)
1 - New York	(100-128817)	(CP, USA, NYD, MEMBERSHIP)	(414)
1 - New York	(100-128814)	(CP, USA, NYD, ORGANIZATION)	(414)
1 - New York	(100-128810)	(CP, USA, NYD, SECURITY MEASURES)	(414)
1 - New York	(100-128809)	(CP, USA, NYD, STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)	(414)
1 - New York	(100-132477)	(CP, USA, NYD, FOOD AND BAKERS REGION)	(423)
1 - New York	(100-133903)	(COMINFIL MASS ORGANIZATIONS)	(414)
1 - New York	(100-31019)	(COMINFIL OF LABOR UNIONS)	(414)
1 - New York	(100-132492)	(CP, USA, NYD, BUILDING TRADES REGION)	(423)
1 - New York	(100-132461)	(CP, USA, NYD, PRINTERS REGION)	(423)
1 - New York	(100-26603-C42)	(CP, USA, NYD, NY COUNTY)	(424)
1 - New York	(100-132430)	(423)	

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11/12/63
NY, NY

On 11/9/63, a meeting to form an Industrial Commission was held in the residence of [redacted] [redacted] Manhattan, NY. This meeting began at approximately 10:00 a.m. and ended about 4:30 p.m. the same day. Among those observed in attendance at this meeting were:

JAMES TORMEY

[redacted]
SID LNU (a member of Local Six)
AARON LNU (a member of the Printers Union)
IRVING LNU (Union Membership unknown)
~~ED LNU (a member of the Bakers Union)~~

[redacted]
CHARLIE LNU (from the Building or Construction Union)

A total of 11 individuals attended, six were excused from this Commission meeting and [redacted] also designated as a member of this Commission was reported as currently in Detroit, Michigan.

[redacted]
The Chairman of this meeting was ~~JAMES TORMEY~~ who stated that this Industrial Commission, newly formed, would consist of approximately 18 members, 11 who were present and seven who were excused.

TORMEY stated that meetings of this Commission will be held once a month and at the meetings various policies of the Industrial Commission would be formulated and those members in this Commission would in turn take the policy back to various ex clubs.

Elections were held at this first meeting of this Commission and JAMES TORMEY was elected Chairman of this Commission, AARON LNU was elected Treasurer, and IRVING LNU was elected Secretary.

It was announced that the next meeting of this Industrial Commission will be held on 12/8/63. TORMEY stated that the members of this Commission would receive notices as to the time and place of the next meeting in sufficient notice to enable them to attend.

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On 11/9/63, SA [] observed the individuals listed in this dissemination, with the exception of [] and [] enter 11 Ft. George Hill, NY, NY, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and noon.

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December 10, 1963

Date:

Transmit the following in _____

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Via Airtel _____

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

To: All Offices

✓ From: Director, FBI (100-3-68)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
MEMBERSHIP
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The Communist Party, USA, membership figures for the quarter ending December 31, 1963, must be submitted by each field office by airtel in time to reach the Bureau by January 6, 1964. If an office has no known members in its territory, it will so indicate in its airtel.

The airtel is to be submitted under instant caption and will contain the data usually incorporated under the membership caption in the Cover Pages of the quarterly reports and the quarterly letters. This data should include an indication of the number of members positively identified and tentatively identified in addition to the total number. Any fluctuations in the requested figures compared to those submitted for the quarter ending September 30, 1963, must be explained.

These special instructions relate only to the quarter ending December 31, 1963, and to the requested airtel. They do not alter currently outstanding instructions regarding the regular submission of membership data in quarterly reports and letters.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

FROM : SAC, BUTTE (100-721C) (C)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP
IS - C

DATE: 12/11/63

Re New York letter to Bureau, 12/3/63.

It is noted that on page 6 of relet, reference is made to "Montana-Dakota," whereas other references in the letter are to "Montana-Idaho" and "Minnesota-Dakota."

- 3 - Bureau (Reg.)
 - (1 - 100-3-63 - CP, USA - FUNDS)
- 1 - Albany (Reg.)
- 1 - Baltimore (Reg.)
- 1 - Boston (Reg.)
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- 1 - Chicago (Reg.)
- 1 - Cincinnati (Reg.)
- 1 - Cleveland (Reg.)
- 1 - Detroit (Reg.)
- 1 - Indianapolis (Reg.)
- 1 - Los Angeles (Reg.)
- 1 - Milwaukee (Reg.)
- 1 - Minneapolis (Reg.)
- 1 - Newark (Reg.)
- 1 - New Haven (Reg.)
- 1 - Philadelphia (Reg.)
- 1 - Pittsburgh (Reg.)
- 1 - Portland (Reg.)
- 1 - St. Louis (Reg.)
- 1 - Salt Lake City (Reg.)
- 1 - San Diego (Reg.)
- 1 - San Francisco (Reg.)
- 1 - Seattle (Reg.)
- ② - New York (Reg.)
 - (1 - 100-74560 - CP, USA - FUNDS)
 - ① - 100-30638 - CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP)
- 3 - Butte

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Montana is a separate CP District and Idaho is a part of the Northwest CP District.

In the event the reference on page 6 is to the Montana CP District, the following is set out:

It had been the practice of the Montana CP District for sometime to send CP dues to New York City as a contribution to "The Worker," the HALL-DAVIS Defense Committee, or some other committee. On 3/25/63, Confidential Informants made available a note from [redacted] in Chicago, Illinois, advising [redacted] Montana CP District Chairman, that in the future items such as this should be sent to [redacted] Street, New York 25, New York. [redacted] enclosed with his note a letter that [redacted] had sent on 1/21/63, together with a \$15.00 U. S. Postal Money Order, which was mailed to the HALL-DAVIS Defense Committee, New York City.

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Since receipt of the above instructions, the Montana CP District has sent all CP dues payments to [redacted] at the above address. It may be that this is the "special dues" address referred to in relet.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, New York (100-80638)

DATE: 12/12/63

FROM ✓: Director, FBI (100-3-68)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
MEMBERSHIP
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to New York airtel 10/17/63
and New York letter 12/3/63.

Referenced airtel, which alerted recipient
offices to a current Party membership count, instructed
these offices to be alert to the appearance of a membership
questionnaire which was prepared at Communist Party, USA
(CPUSA), headquarters for distribution to various district
leaders at a CPUSA National Executive Committee meeting on
10/3/63.

It is noted that Baltimore airtel 10/23/63 advised
that [] received a dues report form from George Meyers,
Chairman of the Maryland-District of Columbia Communist Party
District.

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Recipient offices, in addition to the lead set out
by New York, should carefully analyze referenced letter and
furnish comments to the Bureau. These comments should
include a comparison of recruiting and membership data as
contained in the referenced letter and which pertains to
territory covered by respective field offices with that
information available in the files of these field offices.
In addition, each field office should include comments as
to the utilization of this national form by the Party in
the local areas.

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2 - Boston
2 - Buffalo
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2 - Cincinnati
2 - Cleveland
2 - Detroit
2 - Indianapolis
2 - Los Angeles

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)

DATE: December 18, 1963

FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE (100-12170) (P)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
MEMBERSHIP
IS - C
OO: NEW YORK

Reference New York letter to Baltimore dated December 4, 1963, which had as an enclosure a photograph of what appeared to be a current Communist Party, USA, registration form for the Maryland - D. C. Communist Party (CP) District.

On December 12, 1963, [] after an examination of the photograph in question, stated that it was in the handwriting of GEORGE MEYERS, Chairman of the Maryland - D. C. CP District. [] said that the figure of "24" with regard to members was inaccurate but that in other respects the form appeared to give a correct picture.

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- ② - New York (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 1 - WFO (REGISTERED MAIL)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (100-4284-D)

SUBJECT: CP, USA
MEMBERSHIP
IS - C

DATE: 12/18/63

Re Bulet to New York dated 12/12/63 which in turn referred to New York airtel dated 10/17/63 and New York letter dated 12/3/63.

Use of Membership Questionnaire or Special Address

Newark sources have obtained no information to indicate use of the membership questionnaire distributed at CP Headquarters as described in N.Y. airtel of 10/17/63.

No information has been received that the N.J. CP is using a special address for communicating with the national office.

Comments Regarding Membership and Recruiting Data Contained in N.Y. Letter dated 12/3/63.

N.Y. letter dated 12/3/63 reflected that the N.J. District claims a membership of 48. Recruiting was given as six for 1960 but none for 1961, 1962, and 1963.

Newark places no credence in the recruiting figures. The N.J. CP is not known to have done any recruiting in 1960 or 1961. In April of 1962, two persons were reliably reported to have just been recruited. In addition, subject [redacted] was reliably reported as of June, 1962, to have refused to join the CP. In early 1963 he and his wife were definitely CP members. Indications are that they became CP members in 1963. It is possible that they were not formally reported as recruits. JAMES LUSTIG, who took over N.J. CP leadership in 1962 may have assumed they were already CP members, and simply included them in N.J. CP meetings.

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- ① - New York (100-80638) (INFO) (RM)
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The recruiting figures given do not jibe with known activity.

The estimate of N.J. CP membership has presented considerable difficulty, because normal standards and indicia for membership have been lacking for several years.

It would appear the figure of 48 was probably furnished to the CP National Office by JAMES LUSTIG, and it represents LUSTIG's judgment based upon his experience of approximately one year as active N.J. CP leader.

It is believed that the figure of 48 should be taken as a minimum figure. It is not known how stringent a standard LUSTIG might use in arriving at a conclusion as to whether a person is a CP member. There are at least four CP members in southern New Jersey whom LUSTIG did not contact, and of whose existence he is probably not aware. He has circulated in most of New Jersey north of Trenton.

It should be noted that [redacted] before leaving New Jersey in June of 1962 believed there were approximately 150 N.J. CP members. [redacted] however, had known persons for years, and continued to regard them as CP members on the basis of personal contacts even though such persons participated in no CP activity. b7D

In conclusion, Newark regards 48 as a minimum figure, probably using a stringent standard for membership, and can be regarded as covering the following counties:

Passaic
Essex
Bergen
Union
Middlesex
Ocean
Mercer - Hunterdon

Based upon past standards and sources used by Newark to estimate membership, Newark's next estimate would appear to be in the neighborhood of 75.

There appears to be no absolutely accurate criteria to apply in judging N.J. CP membership at this time. Best judgment indicates that the figure lies between 48 and 75.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3066)

12/19/63

SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-11037) (P)

✓
COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
MEMBERSHIP
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re: Bureau letter to New York, 12/12/63
New York airtel to Bureau, 10/17/63
New York letter to Bureau, 12/3/63.

The following is submitted for information of the Bureau based upon an analysis of data submitted in referenced New York letter dated December 3, 1963:

On July 12, 1960, NY 2002-S* furnished information concerning the total dues payments that had been made to the National Office of the CP, USA, in the period from January until June, 1960. In comparing this data, it was noted that during January through June, 1959, 44 dues units were paid to the National Office from Connecticut and during the period January through June, 1960, there were 168 dues stamps paid to the National Office from Connecticut.

Further information received from NY 2002-S* on June 14, 1960, revealed that \$53.55 was paid to the National Office for dues. This sum represented payment of 131 dues for 1959 and 37 dues for 1960. At the time this information was originally received, a rationalization was made that assuming dues were collected from all members of the CP for a one month period in June, 1960, it appeared that registered membership in the CP of Connecticut was thirty-seven as of that time. The CP, USA previously instructed all districts to utilize June, 1960, as Dues Control Month and to contact all members for the purpose of collecting dues.

During the period of November 14, 1960 through December 31, 1960, the New Haven Office intensified investigation of Connecticut CP leaders; however, information developed failed to reveal that these individuals implemented

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2-New York (Info) (RM)
2-New Haven
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instructions of the National Office, CP, USA, by a formal membership registration.

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, previously paid his CP dues on a regular basis to either [redacted] both of whom are leaders or the CP of Connecticut. During the period of November 14, 1960, through December 31, 1960, no CP dues were collected from the informant and no effort was made by either [redacted] or [redacted] to contact the informant for this purpose.

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On February 14, 1961, NY 2002-S* made available information concerning material at the National Office, CP, USA. Among this material was a compilation of dues for the periods from February, 1959, to January, 1960, and from February, 1960, to January, 1961. According to this information, 120 dues were received from Connecticut during the first twelve month period and 168 dues were received from Connecticut during the second twelve month period. It was then rationalized that the second figure indicated that monthly dues from an average of a minimum of fourteen CP members from the CP of Connecticut had been received during the period of February, 1960 to January, 1961. It was then realized that dues payments are not a true index of CP membership and that CP membership is at least twenty-five percent higher than the average dues payments.

As set forth in referenced New York letter dated December 3, 1963, [redacted] made available on November 14, 1963, a compilation of membership data and dues payment units received for the years 1960 - 1963, broken down by districts. Figures for the Connecticut CP district were as follows:

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Membership	Last				Average				
Estimated by Recruiting	Dues 1963								
District	'60	'61	'62	'63	Order Total	'63	'62	'61	'60
None Listed (NL)	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL

NH 100-11037

	Denomination					
Dist.	.15	.15	1.00	2.00	5.00	3.00-
Conn.	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL

During the spring of 1961, [] advised that according to [] member of the CP of Connecticut, in view of their apparent fear of the Internal Security Act of 1950, [] had practically abandoned members of the CP within the State of Connecticut. No meetings of the New Haven CP Railroad Group have been held and no CP dues have been collected subsequent to approximately May, 1961. Information furnished by [] tends to bear out previous analysis of the membership situation within the CP of Connecticut, particularly that information furnished by [] to the effect that collection of CP dues was terminated during approximately May, 1961, and has not been resumed. This information was further bourn out by [] on February 4, 1963, when informant stated that [] could not be put into the National CP Office because there was "no one around to lead anymore".

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No information has been received by New Haven which would indicate that copies of the membership questionnaire, as set forth in referenced New York airtel dated 10/17/63, are presently being used within the CP of Connecticut.

New Haven will continue to afford this matter close attention and to remain alert concerning any information pertaining to CP membership within the district. The Bureau will be promptly advised upon the receipt of any pertinent information by New Haven.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

12/20/63

SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (100-7622)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
MEMBERSHIP
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(OO: New York)

Re NY let 12/3/63 and Bulet 12/12/63.

New York letter set out a lead for all offices receiving the communication to contact sources for any information regarding any special dues address known to sources used for communicating with the national office of the Communist Party (CP), USA.

Sources in the Salt Lake City, Utah, area have been alerted. It is noted, however, that [redacted] who would have logically been in a position to have information of this type, died on 7/9/63. He had not [redacted] furnished information pertaining to a special dues address. This office does not have other informants in a logical position to learn of such an address at this time.

Referenced Bureau letter of 12/12/63 refers to the appearance of a membership questionnaire which was prepared at CP Headquarters for distribution to various district leaders as set out in New York airtel of 10/17/63.

No information has come to the attention of this office pertaining to this membership questionnaire. Informants have, however, been alerted.

The following analysis and comments are offered with respect to the information set out in New York letter of 12/3/63 insofar as the information therein applies to the State of Utah:

[redacted] on 8/5/60 advised that there were approximately 16 members of the CP of Utah at that time. This informant stated there had been one new recruit on 8/4/60 and that prior thereto there had been 15 members of the CP of Utah.

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The information set out in New York letter of 12/3/63 lists an average of 10 paying dues in 1960 and includes no 1961, 1962 or 1963 figures. This information also lists no estimated membership.

Since 1960 there have been some minor changes in the CP membership in Utah, with the present estimated membership, however, still being 16.

Fifteen of these members were specifically identified by [redacted] prior to his death and the sixteenth member is considered to be [redacted] the wife of a member identified by the informant.

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It is noted that information has previously been furnished by the Bureau by letter of 2/6/61 to the effect that dues payments are not a true index of CP membership and that the term "member" as used by the Party includes both those who pay and those who do not pay dues regularly.

On the basis of the current estimated membership of the CP of Utah, it is considered that four or five of them would in all probability not be paying dues, since they are either unemployed or retired and without income other than social security. On this basis, the figure of 10 dues payers would be approximately right.

New York by letter of 11/17/59 furnished information to the effect that the average dues payers in the CP of Utah as of 11/3/59 was 12. New York, however, by letters of 7/15/60 and 1/25/61 listed dues payers in Utah in the amount of 20 in 1959 and 32 in 1960. Either of these figures is clearly in excess of any apparent membership of the CP of Utah at that time. The possibility exists that these were cumulative figures rather than individual dues payments.

New York by letter of 3/6/61 set out information to the effect that on 2/14/61 NY 2002-S* had furnished a compilation of dues for various districts, including Utah. This reflected a total number of dues paid during the period February, 1959, to January, 1960, of 84. If this figure were divided by 12, it would indicate an average of 7 dues paying members at that time. During the period February, 1960, to January, 1961, there was a total of 122 dues payments from Utah, which would give an average of about 10. This appears to be in agreement with the information furnished by New York letter of 12/3/63 insofar as the number of dues payers is concerned.

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In June, 1961, [] advised that SAM KUSHNER, who at the time was a Communist official from Chicago, Illinois, had given instructions to the CP of Utah that dues subsequent to the Supreme Court decision upholding the Internal Security Act of 1950 should be collected as voluntary donations and should be periodically sent by the CP clubs in Utah as donations to "The Worker." Dues were handled in this manner, according to the informant, from that time until the early part of 1963. b7D

On 4/15/63, [] furnished the following information:

[] National CP Youth Director, on 4/9/63 was in Salt Lake City. He was advised that the CP of Utah had been instructed to send its dues as donations to "The Worker." [] requested that 50% of the dues be sent to the National Headquarters of the CP in the future and stated he would instruct [] Utah State Chairman of the CP, privately with respect to the procedure. b6 b7C

The above would at least partially explain the absence of CP dues payments by the CP of Utah during the period 1961-1963 as set out in New York letter 12/3/63.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI /100-3/68/
FROM : SAC, LOUISVILLE /100-213/
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Re Bureau airtel, dated 12/10/63.

There is no known organized CP activity in
Kentucky and no known CP membership.

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ReBulet 12/12/63.

Concerning the form mentioned in New York airtel 10/17/63 regarding membership data, the Seattle Office has not received any information indicating use of same in this district.

Regarding New York letter 12/3/63 wherein it was indicated that the estimated CP membership (as per figures of National CP Headquarters) of Washington State was 150; with 18 recruits in 1960, no record for 1961, 20 recruits in 1962 and 5 recruits in 1963, the following comments are being submitted by the Seattle Office.

1. Estimated CP membership of 150---This figure is inaccurate since the known membership in Washington State is 217 at this time and has remained somewhat stable in total figures for the last several months. It is believed that the figure of 150 more accurately depicts an average number of dues payments per month received in Washington State. It is known that dues payments lag considerably and that not all CP members are always current in dues payments; thus, causing a difference between dues payment figures and actual membership figures.
2. 18 recruits in 1960---File reviews in the Seattle Office indicate that this figure is quite accurate and reasonable, considering the period of time computed by the CP may not correspond identically with the period of time computed by the Seattle Office. Seattle Office records

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reflect that in 1960 there were about 19 bonafide recruits (distinguished from identification of CP members with subversive background). It is noted that of this 19 individuals recruited in 1960, 15 of these were Security Informants of the Seattle Office.

3. No record for 1961----Files of the Seattle Office reflect that in 1961 about 9 individuals were recruited into the CP and of this group, three were Security Informants of the Seattle Office.

4. 20 recruits in 1962----Files of the Seattle Office indicate that 9 individuals were recruited in 1962 and one of these was a Security Informant. (The years of 1961 and 1962 may have been combined by the CP.)

5. 5 recruits in 1963----Files of the Seattle Office reflect that 11 individuals have been reported as having been recruited as new CP members in 1963.

Most of these are youth and related to adult CP members of long standing.

In reviewing the above, the Seattle Office files reflect that about 48 recruits have been reported as such from 1960 through 1963 and CP figures in New York letter of 12/3/63 indicate a total of 43 recruits, with no recording for 1961. It is believed that the Seattle Office has kept abreast of recruiting figures of the CP in this area and has been able to build informant coverage at the same time. Of the 48 individuals recruited from 1960 through 1963, 19 of these were Security Informants, or 39.6%.

It is particularly significant to observe that in 1960, the Seattle Office estimated, with reasonably accurate basis, CP membership in Washington State as high as 236 members and that over a period of time from 1960 to the latter part of 1963 with an estimated recruitment of 48 members the current membership estimate is set at 217 members at the present time.. This would indicate that within a period of four years, about 67 individuals have left the CP for one reason or another, which means that in four years approximately 1/4th of the CP membership of Washington State has dropped out of the CP. A review of the membership files in the Seattle Office revealed that of this group of 67 persons, 7 security informants

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left the CP through death, testimony or inactivity, 7 CP members moved out of the Washington State area, 11 CP members have died, and 39 other CP members left the CP or dropped CP activity for various reasons which accounts for 64 of the 67 persons.

In analyzing the above, it is apparent that even though the CP in Washington State is not growing in numbers the actual makeup of the membership does undergo a great change over a period of four years. Therefore, measures which can be utilized to minimize recruiting efforts will reap valuable results in the long run when viewed with the normal attrition which takes place within the CP as the ages of the CP members increase. During the last three years, CP recruiting in Washington State has been concentrated in the youth field and most of the results have occurred here and this indicates that informant programs must be directed in this direction in order to stay abreast of recruiting measures of the CP.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Re: Communist Party, United States of America -
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There follows a summary of a meeting of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA) National Executive Committee (NEC) members and invited guests held at the Hotel Woodstock, New York City, on December 19, 20, 21 and 22, 1963, as reported by confidential sources who have furnished reliable information in the past. ~~Q~~

December 19, 1963, Session

The first session was chaired by Elizabeth Gurley Flynn who outlined the agenda for the meeting as follows: ~~Q~~

On December 19, 1963, Gus Hall would deliver a report concerning events following the assassination of President Kennedy and concerning matters of interest to the Party relating to the new administration of President Lyndon B. Johnson. ~~Q~~

On Friday, December 20, 1963, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn would report on civil liberties. ~~Q~~

On Saturday, December 21, 1963, Ben Davis would submit a report on civil rights and civil action. On Saturday, Gus Hall would submit a report on the CPUSA economic program. ~~Q~~

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On Sunday, December 22, 1963, there would be a discussion of the Party renewal drive (membership drive) and for all members of the NEC to engage in the discussion.

On Friday evening, December 20, 1963, there would be an executive session of the NEC, the purpose of which would be to appraise the work of the CPUSA National Office.

Gus Hall delivered the main report, speaking for one and a half hours, and reading from a prepared text. The substance of his report was a summary of events following the assassination of President Kennedy and comments about the new Johnson administration. (Following Hall's speech, a committee was appointed to edit the speech, as it will be published in its entirety in "The Worker.") ("The Worker" is an East Coast communist newspaper.)

Hall stated he was not going to engage in speculation about Lee Harvey Oswald who he said was neither a member of the CP nor a Marxist, but was very likely "an FBI informer." He emphasized that the report on the Oswald case by the Dallas, Texas, Police, who had suppressed information regarding documents relating to the case, could not be believed. He pointed to the possibly sinister significance of Oswald having been killed by a gangster, who may have had ties with those guilty of plotting the assassination of the President.

Hall engaged in a vitriolic attack against the FBI and particularly against Director Hoover, who, he charged, engages in "the big lie tactics" in his attacks on Communists. Hoover, he said, accepts the slogans of the John Birch Society, frequently Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., head of the John Birch Society, and quoting William Buckley, of the "National Review." Although Hoover pretends to attack the ultra right and ultra left with equal vigor, his attack on the ultra right is "a powder puff attack."

In view of this situation, the Party will utilize "a committee" to investigate the facts of the assassination of

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the President, particularly "to show that it may not have been the work of one person." This committee also will attempt to prove that a connection exists between the Birchites and many "oil millionaires" and industrialists, all of whom joined the Birchites in "the big lie" technique with respect to Communism.

According to Hall, anyone can "get away" with any kind of crime provided he do so under the cloak of "anti-Communism." He pointed out that anti-Communism had been the club of Adolph Hitler and that it is being used today in the same fashion as it was used by Hitler.

According to Hall, the committee would also attempt to prove that there was a suppression of important documents with respect to the assassination by the Dallas Police Department. Hall stated that all the various agencies of government were attempting to link the assassination to the "Communist international conspiracy."

According to Hall, there is now a splendid opportunity to turn the tide against the ultra-right. Hall pointed out that as regards the FBI, there is no reason to believe that the FBI ever arrested any racists. He pointed out that the liberals in this country are being "fooled" by the FBI and the John Birchites

Hall stated that he will call an electoral conference in the spring of 1964. He pointed to the need to "pep up" the civil rights program and noted that in the North this program was making some progress. Hall praised the CPUSA for seeing the new President Johnson administration in its true light. He pointed out that it is quite evident that the policies of Johnson will not differ from those of Kennedy. He stated that Johnson has no alternative other than to follow the policies of the Kennedy administration. He pointed out that Marxism-Leninism in no way advocates such terror tactics as have been used in the killing of the President.

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He stated that after the first of the year he suspects that the ultra-right will open a "big attack" against the new administration and the CPUSA, and he warned that the Party had better be prepared for this attack.

Although there was discussion generally by most of the people at the meeting, said discussion being in accord with Hall's ideas with regard to the assassination, Ben Davis was the only one who made a remark which was somewhat different, in that he called attention to the situation in Moscow where the African students rioted on December 18, 1963. Everyone at the meeting was disconcerted when Davis made reference to Moscow as another Birmingham. It was felt that he should not have injected such a remark into his speech. Davis did, however, attempt to place the blame for the riot in Moscow on the Central Intelligence Agency.

In the closing part of his report, Hall referred to the Party renewal drive. He said that at the last NEC meeting in October, 1963, the Party entered on a four month renewal and reinvigoration of its work. He was severely critical of the fact that no implementation of this drive was apparent. He stated that it was his feeling that the present Party leadership, except, of course, for himself, was not interested in having a Marxist-Leninist Party in this country.

Following Hall's report, approximately fifteen speakers engaged in a discussion. William Weinstone, while in general agreement with Hall's report, was critical of it in that he felt that Hall was "berating" those present at a time when berating was wrong. Claude Lightfoot became the subject of considerable criticism when he mentioned in his speech that the next presidential election could be won "without the South." Carl Winter was highly critical of the handling by "The Worker" of the news of the assassination of President Kennedy. He said "The Worker" was slow to react to the situation and slow to furnish a lead for the CP in this matter. "The Worker" was immediately defended in speeches by James Jackson and Jack Stachel.

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This session was chaired by Glaude Lightfoot and continued the discussion of report of Gus Hall from the previous day. Among the speakers were: Mickey Lima, [redacted], Gil Green, Dorothy Healey, Robert Thompson, and [redacted]. All spoke on the political formation of the 1964 elections and other aspects of Hall's report. No one was self-critical of the weakness of the Communist Party Organization, but several spoke of the weakness of the Organizational Department at CPUSA Headquarters and felt it should be examined. Robert Thompson evidenced disagreement with certain Party leaders. He chastised Jack Stachel for intimidating Marvin Markman, stating that if this is what is called a collective leadership, he does not think much of the leadership (Markman was criticized by Stachel for stating he did not think the write-in candidate tactic in forthcoming elections was advisable).

~~X~~ Gil Green lauded Hall's report and took issue with Thompson's accusation of intimidation. Green said he is not in favor of a Communist Party presidential candidate as he feels this would "split the left," adding that there is a need to unify the left.

[redacted] spoke of coalition activities in San Francisco, stating that Negro and peace forces work well together there, but that trade union work is weak.

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The afternoon session of the meeting opened with report on civil liberties by Elizabeth Gurley Flynn. This was actually a report on the "Hall-Davis Defense Committee (HDDC)." She said the committee was formed because no one would defend communists. This committee gave the Party an opportunity to fight the McCarran Act and show why the Communist Party is the center of struggle against the McCarran Act. With the recent reversal in the Appeals Court, it might be necessary to change name of committee.

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She said this reversal is a real victory for the Communist Party. The Government could take certain steps, but cannot compel anyone to register for the Communist Party. The Government, she said, now has fifteen days to act, but Communist Party attorneys feel Government will not ask for a new trial.

Flynn stated that of thirty seven Communist Party leaders cited for failure to register, thirty five had had hearings, but hearings of other two have now been postponed. It is a great victory. Communist Party leaders will be able to travel all over the world.

Flynn continued that the Communist Party cannot let down on defense. She complimented Clara Colon, a Communist Party member, for her defense work and praised William Albertson and Louis Weinstock for their fund raising efforts on behalf of HDDC.

She said that a recent defense appeal issued by Norman Thomas, Socialist leader, has been severely criticized for its anti-Communist Party language. This is not fault of Thomas, as the wording of the appeal was changed by non-Communist Party people, who signed it.

Flynn stated that a united front of youth is needed in defense work, and it is most necessary to support the Communist Party in its fight against the McCarran Act, and "the big lie." The HDDC cannot go out of existence until all cases are dismissed, all passports are restored and all have "the right to work in a Navy yard. Only then can we say we have victory."

She continued that the last fund drive of the HDDC raised \$54,000, but only because some districts exceeded their quota and covered for eleven districts which were under subscribed. She said Massachusetts, Maryland, and "the South" did very well. "The South," with a quota of

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\$1,000, raised \$2,000. She concluded that while she is willing to speak and travel as much as she can for defense of the Communist Party, a new younger person is needed to take her place. She said that if the committee spends money now for propaganda, it will win the fight.

Flynn's report was followed by a discussion in which all who spoke, agreed with her and praised her work.

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At the close of this session of the meeting, a special executive session of the National Executive Committee (NEC) was held. Those attending were: Claude Lightfoot, [redacted] Dorothy Healey, Mickey Lima, Carl Winter, Morris Childs, Arnold Johnson, William Patterson, Jack Stachel, Burt Nelson, Phil Bart, Ben Davis, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Gus Hall, Irving Potash, James Jackson, [redacted] and Gil Green. At this session, Green delivered a report on the Communist Party program. It was agreed there must be greater effort to put Communist Party program in effect, and Green should continue to be in charge of its implementation.

Green was then elected to the NEC. No one else was added.

There followed a discussion and review of work of the Communist Party National Office. Hall felt that this would be self-critical examination, but instead, all speakers sought to blame others. Bart complained he cannot work with Hall; Jackson complained he had too much work; Potash offered to resign; Hall was so incensed at lack of self-criticism he adjourned the meeting. A general complaint of those present was that national board is assuming too much authority.

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[redacted] was Chairman of this session and the main report, given by Ben Davis, was on civil rights.

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Ben Davis said the CP National Negro Commission will be re-established and in January or February, 1964, an enlarged meeting of this commission will be held, probably in Chicago. Davis said that he is not giving a full report on civil rights and suggested that other reports at the last NEC meeting be reread. Previous reports dealt with participation of whites in Negro movements, and the fact that Negro leadership did not respond to killings in Alabama and other anti-Negro violence. He said that while President Johnson has stressed civil rights in the labor movement and education, the question arises as to how to guarantee these rights. While President Johnson's long association with the Dixiecrats could have an effect on his civil rights views, Davis felt that this could be rectified. He said the Party should insist on concrete steps on all proposals. The civil rights bill must be passed so that the efforts of the late President Kennedy should "not go down the drain".

At the last convention of the American Federation of Labor (AFL) - Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO), Davis continued, there were statements concerning the fight against discrimination in the trade union movement. These statements can be used as a wedge and can be useful for the Party getting into trade union work and further Negro work.

Negro leadership is consolidating and now must guarantee the passage of civil rights legislation, block any filibuster and renew the mass non-violent demonstration tactic. He said there is a possibility of joint work between trade union leaders and Negro rights groups.

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Davis said that on January 9, 1964, United States Senator Howard Smith will start hearings on the civil rights bill. He said there must be a strong mobilization in support of the bill. The CP should send spokesmen. He said that people have to get used to the CP fighting for things it thinks important even if some people say "we will upset the apple cart if we appear for the bill."

Davis said the Party must support President Johnson's move to get the bill out of committee. The Party should use its influence to get needed signatures on committee petition.

Davis said a big mobilization point should be around Article 4, Section 4 of U.S. Constitution. This article should be seriously considered since there are senators and congressmen in the government who have been elected illegally.

~~X~~ In the North, Davis said, the struggle is around jobs, housing and schools. He believes the Party should raise the question of preferential hiring. It is a sound idea. There should be a positive program for over-all employment and the problems of automation.

Davis touched on the "Freedom Now Party" stating it grew out of dissatisfaction with Negro movement leadership.

Davis said a Negro is a candidate for President in a New Hampshire primary election. He added that while he does not know this candidate's purpose, his action does put forward the struggle of the Negro.

Davis said the CP should develop in this country a registration campaign among the Negro people, workers and minority groups in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles to use the

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full power of the Negro people. The CP, he said, can have a powerful role in laying the basis for political activity in a non-partisan effort to get out the Negro registration. Political activity, jobs, and freedom should be pushed by the CP. ~~X~~

Davis spoke of recent visit he made to Detroit. He saw Detroit as having greater potential than any other place insofar as the Negro worker is concerned. He said there should be in Detroit a national concentration toward the possibility of a Negro movement and Negro labor alliance. At the conclusion of Davis' report, numerous speakers presented views and in general agreed and accepted the Davis report. ~~X~~

George Meyers spoke stating that the Party should exert its influence in labor and in the Negro movement to insist that the Negro not only be given freedom in the South and the right to vote but also should be urged to put up candidates against the "Birchites" and the ultra-right. ~~X~~

[] stated that in May, 1964, the "Student Organizing Committee" plans to bring 500 to 1,000 people to Mississippi to carry out a voter registration drive throughout the Summer. He does not expect much success but hopes it will bring national attention to the situation and provoke some action. ~~X~~

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[] stated there is a small Negro group in Minneapolis. With the CP taking the initiative, a group did go to the March on Washington. As a result, some of the Negro leadership there are now close to the CP. ~~X~~

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William Albertson stated the Party should fight for civil liberties, jobs and job security and should make a positive contribution to the peace movement.

Another speaker was Hy Lumer who stated that the gross national product is rising slowly. He said it is time for the government to step in and create work. ~~X~~

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Phil Bart was the first speaker of this session and he dealt with the Party's renewal and reinvigoration campaign. He admitted that this renewal drive had not gotten started due to weaknesses in his department and he did accept the responsibility. He proposed that a full scale plan of work be drawn up, that within the next month the National Trade Union Commission and the National Negro Commission meet separately somewhere in the Midwest. He said efforts must be made to increase the circulation and remedy the financial situation of "The Worker." He proposed further that the proceedings of this meeting be reduced to writing and be disseminated to the members. Bart announced, and attached much significance to the fact, that the CP had recruited 100 new members in the recent months, which exceeded many recruiting drives for the last several years. ~~X~~

Bart's speech was followed by a general discussion on the Party renewal drive by some twelve or fourteen speakers. ~~X~~

William Albertson stated that since the October NEC meeting, fifty new members have been recruited in the New York District. Of these, twenty-five are Puerto Ricans and Cubans.

spoke in detail of how Gil Green, Claude Lightfoot and he had organized a task force and had divided the city of Chicago into areas. Each took a squad of Party members and made a "cold" house-to-house canvas to get subscriptions for "The Worker" and to talk to people. He said that in three weeks, they got 250 new "Worker" subscriptions and established many contacts which they will revisit in the near future. He said that if other districts used the same approach, 8,000 to 10,000 new "Worker" subscriptions could be obtained. ~~X~~

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Gus Hall interrupted wanting to know why other districts did not do the same. No answers were heard. ~~X~~

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Jesus Colon stated that the Party must increase its recruiting efforts among the Latin American groups. Frances Gabow said that in Philadelphia the Party held many executive meetings, but conducted no grass-roots activity. ~~X~~

William Albertson stated that the Party must conduct a big concentration in Harlem to re-establish the Party there.

Hy Lumer spoke on "Political Affairs" (self-described as a theoretical organ of the CPUSA) and the need for more subscriptions to that magazine. Mickey Lima stated that there were some beginnings in Party work in San Francisco, but nothing of any real consequence. ~~X~~

In the afternoon session, Gus Hall made a rambling summary of the four day meeting. He called it a good meeting, but added that the Party has far to go yet. He said there is a big gap between "what we are doing and what we should be doing." He spoke of the riot in Moscow of the African students. He expressed dissatisfaction with the way it was injected into the meeting. He said it was brought up like the Party was ashamed of it and did not want to talk about it. He said the African students are young, non-working people, of another culture and like all students separated from their homes, they cling together and are dissatisfied and critical. As a result, he said they are subject to the blandishments of the Central Intelligence Agency, which takes advantage of students like these everywhere. He said the Party should not feel ashamed of this event, but should try to explain it. ~~X~~

Hall continued that the Party must take the lead and develop a program on unemployment, automation and other economic problems. As to the Party renewal drive, he refused to accept the statements of Gil Green, in which Green deplored the words of Hall when Hall stated that perhaps the people not accepting the renewal drive are not accepting it because they are no longer Marxists-Leninists or are not "one of us." (It appears that Green felt that this statement was tantamount to asking these people to leave the Party.) ~~X~~

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Hall said the Party cannot evade this question. There are people "in our echelon" who refuse to build the Party. He said this rebuilding can be done and cited the success of Chicago, mentioned above. He asked again why other districts could not do the same. He said that if it takes three months for the districts to get to a point where they can say "We are taking it up," it is prima facie evidence of disinterest and a feeling of futility.

Phil Bart then made the following proposals:

X 1. Accept Hall's report, publish it in "The Worker" and otherwise make it available to the membership;

2. Approve the report of Ben Davis on civil rights and the report of Elizabeth Gurley Flynn on civil liberties and defense. Further prepare these reports in a national bulletin to be sent to the districts.

3. He proposed that the National Negro Commission meet and the National Trade Union Commission meet, probably in Chicago, in the next four or five weeks.

All proposals were accepted and the meeting adjourned.

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APPENDIX

THE GUS HALL-BENJAMIN J. DAVIS
DEFENSE COMMITTEE

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A source advised on March 27, 1962, that GUS HALL, General Secretary, Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA), stated on March 26, 1962, that the Party will form a new committee known as the GUS HALL-BENJAMIN J. DAVIS Defense Committee (H-DDC). The purpose of this committee is to raise \$100,000 for the defense of HALL and DAVIS. ~~Q~~

GUS HALL
BENJAMIN J. DAVIS

HALL and DAVIS were indicted by the Federal Grand Jury, Washington, D. C., on March 15, 1962, charging them with violations of Section 786(h) and 794, Title 50, United States Code, in that they, as General Secretary and National Secretary, CPUSA, respectively, and as members of its National Board, willfully and unlawfully failed to register for and on behalf of the CPUSA with the Attorney General. ~~Q~~

A second source furnished information on February 12, 1963, that the H-DDC had received a total of \$41,779.18 in contributions for defense as of February 12, 1963.

"The Worker," an East Coast Communist newspaper, issue of April 16, 1963, page 1, carried an appeal by the H-DDC, Room 1225, 22 East 17th Street, New York 3, New York, asking for funds.

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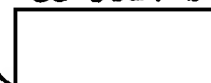
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